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The Greatest Sale Of Muslin Underwear. Its Ruling Characteristic, Excellence and Quality=for=Price!

TRASH fills the markets to the brim, and it sometimes overflows into the lap of the public, to a shriek of "Low Prices." We point a distinction.

We have never known the underwear markets to hold so much of worthlessness. Yellowed cottons, skimpy, hurried, careless workmanship; the indifferent "throw-together" of the underpaid worker; ragged seams and raw edges—the city is full of such. It has not even the excuse of cheapness; nearly full prices are exacted.

How These Garments are Prepared.

This is the course pursued by us:—First, as we have already told you, the making is confined exclusively to country factories, where high-class and cleanly labor works under advantageous conditions of light and air and sanitation. There are no sweat-shop horrors stitched into these garments. Content and comfort show in the making of every piece. Second, very large orders were given. Third, plenty of time was given the manufacturers that the work should be careful and the finish perfect.

The making is to our own order and specification, and even the cheapest piece undergoes a rigid inspection. There is a dainty delicacy about the work, a fine and patient atten-

tion to stitching and detail, a "made-at-home" finish that cannot come except through care and cost.

Yet our prices are very low—low even in comparison with unworthiness. For this reason:—

The Magnitude of Our Order

was such that a new standard of prices is created. Ordinary transactions cannot be used as a criterion when the combined demand of our two stores seeks indulgence.

Thousands of pieces were unboxed last Monday, yet they formed little more than a good beginning. More has come, more will come, new and even new, large cases of them throughout this month.

The muslin is brought in car-load lots, a saving there. The embroideries come direct from St. Gall, you'd almost think it a cargo-lot; a saving there. We do NOT try to save in the item of making-wages. We figure for the highest-class work obtainable.

Yet even high-priced labor becomes less costly in effect when the size of the order permits the use of elaborate machinery, and consequently the price of these cheaper pieces is less than equal materials alone would cost you, and even the finest of them are not extravagant here.

DRAWERS, AT 12 1/2c. — Excellent Drawers of standard cotton; hem and tucks, 12 1/2c.

GOWNS AT \$1.19, SPECIAL.—Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 Gowns—made of the best cambric and cotton—cut extra full—unusual width, four

Chemises.

AT 25c.—Of standard cotton—sleeves and neck trimmed with embroidery. Another style trimmed with lace. AT 25c.—Of standard cotton—entire yoke of embroidery. Another style, yoke of tucks and embroidery. AT 27 1/2c.—Of standard cotton—shirt chemise, yoke of tucks and insertings, ruffle and tucks around the bottom. AT 28c.—Of fine cambric—skirt chemise, yoke of embroidery. Another style, edged with Val. lace. AT 28c.—Of fine lawn, skirt chemise, yoke of double row of Val. insertings, edged with Val. lace. Deep ruffle on skirt edged with Val. lace and lace insertings. AT 28c.—Of fine lawn, skirt chemise, deep flounce trimmed with Point D'Paris lace—neck trimmed with same. Another style of fine cambric, handsomely trimmed with embroidery, yoke of same, with ribbon belt in. OTHERS AT \$1.25, \$1.30 and \$1.40. Magnificent garments.

Gowns.

AT 25c.—Of standard cotton, entire yoke of cluster tucks and insertings. AT 25c.—Of standard cotton, Empire style, embroidery and lace trimmed. Also extra size Gowns with double yoke.

GOWNS, AT 25c.—Made of standard cotton, cut full, tucked yoke, cambric ruffs around neck and sleeves, 25c. Positively worth 32c.

Children's Gowns, 50c.

Made of standard cotton—yoke of tucks and insertings, sleeves and neck edged with embroidery, sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 years. All sizes to be sold at the uniform price of 50c. You can plainly see the advantage of this offering—no raise of price according to size as in other stores.

Children's "Double V" Waists—not all sizes, sell everywhere at 50c.—now

Boys' Shirt Waists, "Mother's Friend" make not in sizes, made of best percale, laundered, sell generally at 75c.—here now at 50c.

CHEMISE, AT 15c.—Good Chemise, made of standard cotton. Plain, with band. Full size in all sizes, 15c.

Corset Covers, 8c.—Made of standard cotton, low neck, every seam felled, 8c.

Skirts.

AT 27 1/2c.—Of standard cotton, cambric ruffle at bottom, has yoke band and tape. AT 28c.—Of standard cotton, umbrella flounce, with dust ruffle. Three other styles lace trimmed. AT 28c.—Of standard cotton, with umbrella flounce, in shirt, with embroidery and insertings. Another style, with deep flounce of cambric. AT 28c.—Of standard cotton—deep cambric ruffle, with embroidery flounce and cambric dust ruffle. Another style, trimmed with lace and insertings. AT 31c.—Of standard cotton, deep flounce with dust ruffle, three rows of Val. insertings, edged with Val. lace. Two other styles at this price. Handsomely trimmed with embroidery. OTHERS AT \$1.25, \$1.30, \$1.40 on up to \$2.50 each. Beautiful garments.

Drawers.

AT 15c.—Of standard cotton umbrella ruff, edged with lace. AT 25c. SPECIAL.—Of standard cotton, good width, yoke band, with tape; ruffle of embroidery and lace. Another style, umbrella drawers with hemstitched ruffle. Two other styles, plain cambric and lace trimmed. AT 25c.—Of good cambric, ruffle with Val. lace and tucks.

HEAVY BLEACHED COTTON TOWELS, deep fringe—regular 12 1/2c. grade, at 8c. each.

Regular 12 1/2c. extra heavy Damask Towels to go at 10c. each.

An exceptionally good quality all linen, woven border Huck Towel—very absorbent—12 1/2c. each.

Super-grade Bleached Hemstitched Huck Towels, with satin borders—Walls of Troy, floral and scroll designs—good as sold elsewhere at 25c.—These 25c. each.

The usual 25c. quality Turkey Red Damask to go at 18c. a yard. The 37 1/2c. grade, at 25c. and the 50c. grade, at 37 1/2c. a yard.

Good quality—choice designs—Bleached and Unbleached Table Damask—the 27 1/2c. grade, at 25c. a yard.

2 1/2-inch Strictly All-Linen Bleached Table Damask—very handsome patterns, floral and scroll effects—The 75c. grade to go at 60c. a yard.

Heavy and handsome German Table Damask—free from fringing patterns, equalled for wear—The \$1 kind to go at 75c. a yard.

Full 2 1/2-inch Double Faced Satin Damask—free from fringing patterns, Match it with other stores' specials at \$1.25. This \$1 a yard.

These garments at 10 and 12 1/2c. are not cut like garments generally sold at these prices. These are cut with the same number of seams and fit as perfectly as the highest cost garments.

AT 25c.—Of good cotton, low neck, every seam felled. AT 25c.—Of best cambric, lace and embroidery trimmed neck and sleeves. Also a plain French Corset. AT 25c.—Made of fine cambric, full long waist, yoke of embroidery and lace, sleeves and neck edged with lace. Two other styles at this price. AT 25c.—Of best cambric five beautiful styles—trimmed with rich lace and embroidery. AT 25c.—Beautiful French Corset Covers of fine cambric, fine embroidery edge.

The Very Newest Embroideries and Insertings Pass to You at Newly Little Prices

Miles and miles of Excellent New Embroideries and Insertings are here at prices at least a full third less than regularly asked for equal qualities.

We have already told you how we come to possess them at these underprices. But, we tell again. The Dry Goods Union—of which we are members—made a very advantageous deal with a jobber who needed ready money. He sold the union these Embroideries and Insertings—which he had just imported—at a great discount from his regular prices.

It was a great transaction. Part of our share went on sale last Monday—the balance, which arrived Friday, goes on sale to-morrow.

THE EMBROIDERIES.—Nainsook, Cambric and Swiss Embroideries, with firmly woven edges. Distinctively new patterns.

EMBROIDERIES AT 50c. A YARD—1/2 to 1 1/2 inches wide. EMBROIDERIES AT 35c. A YARD—1/2 to 1 1/2 inches wide. EMBROIDERIES AT 25c. A YARD—1/2 to 1 1/2 inches wide.

EMBROIDERIES AT 15c. A YARD—1/2 to 1 1/2 inches wide. EMBROIDERIES AT 10c. A YARD—1/2 to 1 1/2 inches wide. EMBROIDERIES AT 5c. A YARD—1/2 to 1 1/2 inches wide.

THE INSERTINGS.—Nainsook, Cambric and Swiss Insertings. All the newest open-work effects. A splendid chance to secure dainty trimmings for shirt, waists and under garments at great saving prices. In all widths at 5, 8, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 17, 20 and 25c. a yard.

REAL TORCHON LACES, 50c. A YARD. A little lot of about 700 yards of Real Torchon Laces—1/2 to 3 inches wide. The 8c, 10c, and 12 1/2c. grades, all to go at 5c. a yard.

Linens and Domestic At Small Prices. A Sale.

A sale of housekeepers' needs that appeals to every woman who tries to make the dollars go as far as possible.

Bright, fresh goods—not soiled and finger-marked stuff—crisp, sweet linens that women of refinement love so well, at prices that are strangely small.

Good Linen Huck Towels—5c. each. Heavy Bleached Cotton Towels, deep fringe—regular 12 1/2c. grade, at 8c. each.

Full size Dinner Napkins, same grade as sold generally at \$1. here at 57c. a dozen. The \$1.25 quality at \$1 a dozen.

Heavy Fancy Stripe Feather Ticking—sells generally at 25c., to go at 16c. a yard.

Regular 12 1/2c. extra heavy Damask Towels to go at 10c. each.

Full 2 1/2 size Heavy Satin Damask Napkins, in a wide range of good designs. Positively worth \$1.50, to go at \$1.25 a dozen.

Splendid line of regular 6c. grade Dark Prints to go at 4c. a yard.

An exceptionally good quality all linen, woven border Huck Towel—very absorbent—12 1/2c. each.

Full 2 1/2 size Double Satin Damask Napkins—\$2.00 dozen—can't be matched elsewhere under \$2. Regular \$1 grade Double Satin Damask Napkins, full 3-4 size, to go at \$2.50 a dozen.

Eight pieces of large floral designs, like on both sides—large enough to go at 5c. a yard.

Super-grade Bleached Hemstitched Huck Towels, with satin borders—Walls of Troy, floral and scroll designs—good as sold elsewhere at 25c.—These 25c. each.

Short Lengths of 4-4 Bleached Cotton—The 6c. grade, at 4c. a yard.

"Avalon" Draperies—magnificent floral and scroll designs on a very rich Mosaic ground. Less like goods. We price them 12 1/2c. a yard.

The usual 25c. quality Turkey Red Damask to go at 18c. a yard. The 37 1/2c. grade, at 25c. and the 50c. grade, at 37 1/2c. a yard.

Unbleached Cotton, 1/2 wide, good grade, 5c. a yard. 4-4 wide, 4c. a yard.

Very attractive Hungarian Art Draperies, suitable for portieres, window drapings and cozy corners—very rich coloring—double faced, (like on both sides)—with or without border. Also an elegant line of rich Regalia Draperies—new effects—25c. a yard.

Good quality—choice designs—Bleached and Unbleached Table Damask—the 27 1/2c. grade, at 25c. a yard.

Two special items in heavy long nap, firmly woven, Unbleached Canton Flannels—The 6c. grade, 5c. a yard; the 10c. grade, 8c. a yard.

26-inch Solid Color Denims, for cushion tops, and such like—17c. a yard.

Heavy and handsome German Table Damask—free from fringing patterns, equalled for wear—The \$1 kind to go at 75c. a yard.

Pretty Light Outings—short lengths, fine checks and stripes. The 7c. grade at 5c. a yard. The best 12 1/2c. grade at 8c. a yard.

SPECIAL SHEET OFFERING.—Extra quality, even, round thread Bleached Sheets, Men's—ure full 63x36 inches, large enough for double beds, nicely hemmed, torn and dry ironed. As good as any sheet sold in the city at 25c. We price them 42c. each. See window display.

Full 2 1/2-inch Double Faced Satin Damask—free from fringing patterns, Match it with other stores' specials at \$1.25. This \$1 a yard.

An exceptionally good grade of Feather Ticking—1 1/2 inches wide—goods that generally sell for 15c., to go at 10c. a yard.

Pillow Cases to match the above sheets—full 36x46 inches—10c. each.

BLACK CHEVIOTS.

We have been looking about for a suitable weave for rainy-day service.

At last we have found our ideal. It is a forty-inch black all-wool Cheviot. We have confidence in it.

We price it fifty cents a yard. We have a heavier grade, fifty inches wide, at 75c. a yard.

SATIN DUCHESSE.

A magnificently finished, high lustre black Satin Duchesse has just come to us.

It measures twenty-four inches wide. Is beautifully woven, and unusually heavy.

A sturdy weave for skirts, waists or entire suits. The price, 75c. a yard. Brocaded Black Satin Duchesse, 20 inches wide, nth season's newest designs, 58c., 69, and 75c. a yard.

IN SOCIETY'S REELM

(Continued from Sixth Page.)

Mrs. George Lewars, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Emily Smith, DeBree Place, Ghent.

Miss Josephine Ruder and Miss May Lannahan, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. A. Roland Nash, in Ghent.

Miss Annie Henry spent several days with relatives in Smithfield last week.

Miss Maria Tucker left yesterday to visit friends in Petersburg.

Mrs. Jernigan, of North Carolina, who has been the guest of Miss Emily Smith, in Ghent, has returned home.

The collation given by the Junior German Club Friday evening was one of the largest and most brilliant of the season. Quite a number of lovely visitors were there and left their grace and beauty to this scene. The whistle was blown at half past nine by Mr. Walter Taylor, and the german began with the lancers. The Naval Post Band, under the skillful directorship of Prof. Jesse Price, played grand waltzes and

Impassioned waltzes for this happy throng to dance by. At 11:30 the supper march was played and all filed into the supper room, where a beautiful repast was served, after which dancing was resumed until the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" fell on reluctant ears. Mrs. Caldwell Hardy, Mrs. R. A. Dolis and Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor acted as chaperones on this pleasant occasion. Miss Estelle McCalla, daughter of Capt. McCalla, of the navy yard, was a debutante on this evening, and looked exceedingly pretty and handsome in a gown of pink satin brocade with mousselin de soie trimmings, and carried a bouquet of violets. Among the others who were present were Mrs. E. D. Watson, Mrs. and Mrs. Floyd Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh N. Page, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fredrick Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Groner, Mrs. Holt Page, Mr. and Mrs. William Cooke, Dr. and Mrs. McCormick, U. S. N., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blaine, U. S. N.; Miss DeLamater, of Ohio; Misses Reid and Johnston, of Roanoke; Misses Patterson, Tucker and Boykin, of Baltimore; Miss McCormick, of Berryville; Misses Wade, Atkins, Worth, Fountain and Ferguson, of Richmond; Miss Vail, of Morristown; N. J.; Miss Dilling, of Washington; Misses Margaret Ramsey,

Katherine Heath, Rosa McBea, Lissie Hubbard, Emily and Mabel Allen, Virginia Wronn, Josephine Cook, Elizabeth Lander, Nellie Little, Mary Bell White, Alice Vaughan, Elizabeth Nash, Margaret Ward, Landon Walton, Marion Stires, Elizabeth Martin, Nancy and Alice Ramsey and Emily Wilson; Mr. R. Randolph Hicks, of Roanoke; Mr. Arthur Willy, of New York; Mr. T. Garrison Swift, of Baltimore; Dr. Baker, of Charlottesville; Mr. Echols McBea, of the V. M. I.; Mr. Grafton, of Washington; Mrs. Washington Reid, of Portsmouth; Misses F. N. McCallough, T. N. Tamm, H. B. and George Crockett, of B. T. Taylor, W. W. Old, Jr., Hugh and Edward Henry, William Wilkinson, Saunders Taylor, Walter Taylor, Geo. Loyall, William Shield, A. M. Angelato, Jr., Jas. Goodie, Anna Mithado, Dorothy Smith, R. A. Dolis, Caldwell Hardy, J. M. Jordan, Duncan Puller, J. E. R. Carpenter, J. P. Williams, C. W. Sams, Lucien Starke, Wallington Hardy, Edward Brockenbrough, S. A. Woodard, Leigh Gordon, R. W. Baldwin, R. C. Taylor, Jr., and Tyler Smith.

their attractive clubhouse, on the Elizabeth River. As it did not rain, however, yesterday quite a number of the society folk went down to the tea and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Miss Dickenson, of Columbus, O., is the guest of the Misses Ramsay, in Ghent.

Miss Katherine Fontaine, of Richmond, is spending a few days with Miss Annie Henry, on Bute street.

Miss Janet Withers spent Friday with friends in Norfolk.

Miss Mary Lou Gray and Miss Susan Payne have returned from a visit to North Carolina.

Miss Alice Ramsay is at home again after a charming visit to friends in Petersburg.

Miss Katherine Heath has returned after a delightful visit to Miss Meredith, in Richmond.

The Misses Barra, of Roanoke, are the guests of Miss Susie Payne, on Freemason street.

Mrs. George F. Winston, lady principal of Norfolk College, gave an elegant reception to the faculty and senior class of the college yesterday evening. After a pleasant social time, delicious refreshments were served. All enjoyed the evening thoroughly.

Have Your Name Registered Along with the largest number of wearers of one shoe in the city. HELLER'S \$2.00 PATENT SHOE guaranteed not to rip and to have three distinct solid leather soles. They are worn by all classes of mechanics. If you will kindly tell us what trade you follow, by referring to our books we will tell you several at that trade that wear them, some of whom you may know.

We have them in narrow, medium and wide toes. HELLER'S SHOE STORE, 64 Bank street. Do your Glasses suit you? If not see Dr. Weck, 210 Main street.

Be sure you are right, then go to New York Dental Rooms to have teeth extracted. No pain. Newest Discovery. N. Y. Dental Rooms ONLY, 324 Main street, corner Talbot. Ennes.

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Things Theatrical at Home and Abroad.

THE DEVIL'S AUCTION.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC TONIGHT.

"The Devil's Auction" will be the attraction at the Academy of Music to-morrow night. The Washington (D. C.) Post says of the play: "To paraphrase the well known title, M. Phistophel's bargain counter is a popular melange of music and mix-up that appeals particularly to the fancy of those who enjoy a lively performance. The auction always offers a lot of pretty girls, witty comedians and flashy scenery. Every year the ensemble is changed.

THE FIRST SOUTH OF THE KELLEY-SHANNON COMPANY.

The Kelley-Shannon Company in Clyde Fitch's new society comedy, "The Moth and the Flame," will be at the Academy of Music next week. This company is headed by Mr. Herbert Kelley and Miss Effie Shannon. Mr. Kelley enjoyed for years a national reputation as the leading man of the Lyceum Theatre Stock Company. N. Y. He played for thirteen consecutive seasons in the Metropolitan. During this period he created the leading roles in all of the successful American and English society plays that had their first production in that theatre, and he was regarded as the highest salaried,

Several of the great Sousa marches may be anticipated as encore, the demand for them being so insistent that the composer-conductor must perform obey. Mr. Sousa will present Miss Maud Ross Davies, soprano, and Miss Dorothy Hayes, violinist, as soloists. Prices are the same for the afternoon concert as at night, viz: 50c, 75c, and \$1.

"SECRET SERVICE." "Secret Service," the most recent effort of William Gillette, manager of the Lyceum Theatre, will be presented at the Academy of Music next Friday night. The play

as well as the most popular player who ever held that position. Miss Shannon was connected for many years with the same company and has also been prominently associated with Augustin Daly's company, William F. Crane, Olga Nethersole and others of equally high standing.

"THE BRIDE ELECT." "The Bride Elect," the new comic opera, "The Bride Elect," takes place February 1st, at the Academy of Music, and will attract a notable audience. Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger and H. D. Stevens promise that the production shall be one of the most magnificent ever seen here, including the original cast, chorus, ballets, scenery and appointments of the famous Knickerbocker Theatre in New York.

Germania Hall! NOW OPENED.

Hot Lunch Served from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., and from 6:30 to 10 p. m. Choice Wines, Liquors and Cigars.

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