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# Advance Easter Opening of Tailor-made Suits, Silk and Wash Waists and Separate Skirts.

Wish we could find words strong enough to emphasize our determination to make Watt's *The Ladies' Suit Store of Norfolk!* We have been planning for months for the new-season's wants. We are in closest touch with New York's pre-eminent tailors and, in many instances, are their sole representatives for this section. Their garments are to be had only of us. Exclusive styles make suit buying here infinitely more to your liking than choosing from common-place styles that find showing in every other store you set foot in. Judge our Suit show from any standpoint. Judge it by its excellence. Judge it by its novelty. Judge it by the stylishness of its garments. Judge it by the prices. Judge it by whatever standard you may set—it is not equalled hereabouts.

## THE SHOWING IS NOW AT ITS ZENITH

and we invite you to see it. Come and acquaint yourself with the new styles. We think you'll like them. From among so great a gathering it is difficult to pick any particular styles to tell about, but there is a suit here at \$13 that deserves special mention, so we give it this detailed description.

It is made of very stylish English "pepper and salt" suiting and is strictly man-tailored throughout. The 8-button tight fitting jacket has two lower and one upper pocket; all seams are double felled; is lined with shielts, and is lined throughout with excellent quality serge silk. The beautifully draped skirt has the full French flare; lined with good percale and velvet bound. The price, \$13.

- SUITS AT \$5—Made of Black and Navy all-wool Habit Cloth.
- SUITS AT \$7—Made of Black and Navy Serge.
- SUITS AT \$8—Made of Green, Blue, Grey, Black and Brown Cheviots.
- SUITS AT \$10—Made of Black and Navy all-wool Serge Cheviot; taffeta lined jackets. Others of blue, green, brown, light and dark grey Covert; serge silk lined Jackets. Skirts have full French flare.
- SUITS AT \$12—Made of Grey, Tan and Blue Habit Cloth. Handsomely corded bell shape skirt. Taffeta lined, fly-
- front Jackets. Others of Navy and Black Venetian Cloth; double breasted, satin lined Jackets. Bell skirts.
- SUITS AT \$13—Made of Black and Navy Venetian Cloth.
- SUITS AT \$15—Made of Tan, Grey, Blue and Black Venetian Cloth.
- SUITS AT \$17—Made of Grey, New Blue and Tan Venetian Cloth.
- SUITS AT \$18—Made of very handsome Tan Venetian Cloth.
- SUITS AT \$20—Made of Black and Navy Venetian Cloth, skirt and jacket lined throughout with heavy taffeta silk.

- SEPARATE SKIRTS.** Regular \$10 Figured Black Silk Skirts at \$6 each. Regular \$4 Figured Mohair Skirts at \$2 each.
- SILK WAISTS.** Black Taffeta Waists, entire front of fine tucks, \$4. Satin Duchesse Waists, in Olive, Red, Cream, Light Blue and the new
- Dutch Blue, entire front of hemstitched pleats, \$7.50.
- Black Taffeta Waists, fine box pleats back and front, \$6.50.
- WASH WAISTS.** New Percale Waists, beautifully made, navy blue with white stripe, \$50c.
- Pink, blue, lavender and black ground with white stripes, very handsomely made, \$1.
- Handsome Black Taffeta Waists, entire front of bias tucks. The new corded back, \$1.
- Handsome Waists of rich Victoria cords, at \$1.25.
- White P. K. Waists, bias tucks and inserting, \$1.90c.

- Odd Curtains.** Odd pairs of Lace Curtains at about a third less than regular prices. There's not many of them—only one pair of a kind.
- Embroidery Sale.** An immense line of new Embroideries that sell regularly at 10c. and 12 1/2c. go on sale to-morrow at 8c. a yard, 2 to 4 inches wide, all new patterns.
- New Cotton Goods.** Full line of Best Grade Indigo Blue, and light and dark prints to go at 4c. a yard.
- New Photo Frames.** The new Frames—just arrived. These for one picture—curly birch, gilt, light and dark green woods—have fancy metal corners, 25c. each.

### THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CORSETS MADE EXACTLY RIGHT AND THOSE MADE MERELY TO SELL.

#### Warner's Corsets, 20th Century Models—



The name denotes that they are an advance—except in price—in all that makes a corset wearable. Their shape, ease and perfectness prove their worth, the longer you wear them. That's why we ask you to try one of Warner's Corsets—20th Century Models.

75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

#### Hosiery Sale.

Tremendous values are what have built up this great stocking store. Such as these, for instance:

- Ladies' Extra Length Past Black Seamed Stocking—\$1.00 a pair.
- Extraordinary Good quality for ladies, have double sole, high solid heels and toes, warranted to last—\$1.25 a pair.
- Ladies' Hermsdorf Black Cotton Stockings, made in Germany—great value—\$1.00 a pair.
- Ladies' Full Seamed Imported Stocking—Hermsdorf dye—\$1.00 a pair.
- Ladies' Past Black Hose, with white extra long printed pattern design—\$1.00 a pair.
- Children's Seamed Ribbed Hose—solid heels and toes—\$1.00 a pair.
- Children's Hermsdorf Black Cotton Hose, fine ribbed—two thread—\$1.00 a pair.
- Children's Hermsdorf Black Hose—fine ribbed—double knee—have white seamed—\$1.00 a pair.

#### Domestics.

Splendid values will find their way to the counters to-morrow. These—

- Good Brown Cotton 33-inches wide, at 30c. yard.
- Good Blue Cottons, 35 inches wide, at 4c. yard.
- Special Heavy Round Thread Brown Cottons—35 inches—\$1.00 a yard.
- Remnants of 6c. Bleached Cottons, to close at 4c. yard.
- Best Lancaster Gingham—In apron lengths, each 2 1/2 yards long—at 6c. yard.

#### Our 50c. Sheets.

Despite the frantic efforts of some stores to offer "unheard of" bargains in Sheets, we still assert that nowhere in Norfolk can you find the equal of these sheets for less than \$1.25 a pair. We price them 50c. each. Full 90x 90 inches.

Full Size Crochet Bed Spreads—Marcelline patterns—beautiful ready for use—50c. each instead of 75c.

### Another Sale of Notions. Little Things at Little Prices.

The success of our last week's Notion sale prompts us to have another. We've picked some exceptionally good values. Here are a few:

- Basting Cotton, 1c. a spool.
- Pins, all sizes, 1c. a paper.
- Jet Head Pin Books, 2c. each.
- Safety Pins, all sizes, 2c. a dozen.
- Home Hair Pins, 2c. a dozen.
- Hair Pin Cabinets, containing 100 hair pins, assorted, 1c. each.
- Home Handle Shoe Hooks, 1c. each.
- Witch Cloths for cleaning, 10c. each.
- Kid Gloves, 2c. a dozen.
- Initial Letters, 2 dozen for 5c.
- Darning Cotton, 3 balls for 5c.
- Gold Handle Cast-steel Embroidery Scissors, 2 1/2 and 4 inch, 15c. each.
- Horn Bone, black and blonde, 3c. a dozen.
- 7 1/2-inch Kid Curlers, 10c. a dozen.
- Best Quality Bone Casing, all colors, 3c. a piece.
- Gilt Tacks, 4c. a box.
- Leather Kne Protectors, 25c. a pair.
- Doctor Knitting Cotton, 5c. a ball.
- Steel Point Hair Pins, 1c. a paper.
- SPECIAL—4-Row Cement Back, all bristle Tooth Brush. Will not shed when using. Ask to see the "Sultana." 10c. each.

### 50c. Negligee Shirts, at 39c. Other Interesting News, Too.

Men's Negligee Shirts, made of excellent quality percale, 2 collars and attached cuffs, in all the new stripes and checks, positively worth 50c., special, 39c. each.

- Exceptionally Good value in Men's Black and Tan Sox—regular 10c. grade at 5c. Good, fast colors. Regular made tops, not sewed, 5c. a pair.
- Men's Sanitary Natural Wool Underwear—medium weight for spring—recommended by foremost physicians as a preventative against rheumatism, pneumonia, etc. Beautifully finished, \$1.50 a garment.
- The newest round corner shape Collars—half dozen newest styles—the famous "Double-wear" Collars—2 for 50c.
- Men's Full Size Splendid Quality Silk Finished Hemstitched Japonet Handkerchiefs—5c. each.
- Four-in-Hand, Four-in-Hand Ascots, Puff and Teck Shape Neckwear, in all the newest effects, made of extra quality silks—look like regular quality ties—50c. each.

### Italian All-Silk Taffetas. A Wonderful Value at 50c.

Usually silks of this class are made in either China or Japan and converted in France. These were made and converted in sunny Italy, and are of a permanent, unalterable black, very rich and lustrous. Smooth, evenly woven, 20 inches wide. Free from "gum" or "loading," which is used so freely now-a-days to bolster up worthless silks. We price them, very special, 50c. the yard. A splendid quality for waists and linings.

- 20-inch Taffetas, for linings in white, cream, turquoise, Nile, emerald, yellow, cerise, scarlet, royal purple, blue, rose and light blue. An extraordinary value, 50c. the yard.
- Very handsome Heavy Black Satin Duchesse—every three silk—2 1/2 inches wide—75c. the yard. An extra heavy grade at 85c.

### Boys' "Dewey" Shirt Waists. Made Like Men's Shirts.

To make the little man look more manly and cause him to feel big—that's what the "Dewey" Shirt Waists do.

These at 25c. for boys from 5 to 13 years, are made of pretty checks and stripes, with yoke; have collars and turn-down collar attached. Pearl buttons.

A better grade at 50c. 6 to 13 years. Pleated front and back. Separate standing collar and attached cuffs. Pearl Buttons. Yoke back, 60c.

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## Things Theatrical at Home and Abroad.

### PRIMROSE AND DOCKSTADER MINSTRELS.

At the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening Primrose and Dockstader will make their initial bow as co-partners of their Great American Minstrels, and promise a program of many novelties, a splendid stage setting, magnificent costumes and a goodly number of clever artists, whose reputations in several instances are second to none. The entire company dons burnt cork, and will inaugurate a decided departure from the usual minstrel companies of to-day. The only chairs of the ensemble will be occupied by George Primrose, Lew Dockstader, Lew Sully and Jimmy Wall. When the curtain rises on the first part, it will reveal a splendid display of the scenic artist's ingenuity and talent, and, as the great military band, under the able baton of Carl Carleton, begins a fetching mel-

of this particularly high feature will be the irrepressibly funny triplex, Lew Dockstader, in one of his favorite monologues; and still yet to come in for their full share of applause is the "Quaker City Quartette," which is followed by the four greatest club-swingers in the world—the jouncing Johnsons, who have appeared before the Queen by special command. George Primrose will also appear in an entirely new specialty, presenting types of the dandy darkey coon, and will finish his act with an entirely new idea, assisted by four champion pickaninny cakewalkers.

**BOY'S "A TEXAS STEER."** Charles Hoyt's "A Texas Steer," which begins an engagement at the Academy of Music Wednesday, matinee and night, is well known in Norfolk, and it would be strange if it did not receive a hearty welcome. Perhaps this is the most artistic of Mr. Hoyt's plays; certainly it is the most definite in purpose, its sporting with politics being done good naturedly and with a desire to afford innocent amusement and great success attained the task he set for himself with great



"DOSSY, WHEN DO WE START FOR WASHINGTON?"

ody, the entire company will file out and take its place. The vocalists have been selected with special care, and include such notable names as Manuel Romaine, W. H. Thompson, Fred Reynolds, Charles D. Watson, Edward Hansen, Harry Ernest, John Perry and B. S. Carney. An olio of an exceedingly entertaining quality has been provided, of which the following are some of the prominent features: The wonderful Brothers Deonzo, trick barrel jumpers and champion high leapers of the world; the clever musical trio—Howe, Hall, Lew Sully—displaying their skill on numerous instruments in a novel and most unique musical comedy act; while not the least prominent

Sale of seats will commence to-morrow morning. Prices—25, 50, 75c. and \$1. Matinee, 50c.—any seat. **JAMES WHITECOMB RILEY.** James Whitecomb Riley's fame as a poet and humorist is so firmly established that his appearance at the Academy of Music on the evening of March 9th will be greeted by an immense audience of literary and society people. His entertainment, which will be given for the benefit of the Protestant Hospital (Hospital for the Sick) will consist of readings from his own tales in prose and verse. His style of reading is marked by the same exquisite artlessness, the perfection of art, which characterizes the composition of his dialect verses. Mr. Riley seldom gives a public reading, but he has been prevailed upon to make a Southern tour during the month of March and will appear in Washington, Baltimore, Richmond and other cities. When he last visited Atlanta, the Constitution said of him: "Mr. Riley is a revolution. He is not only poet and humorist, but he is also a most versatile actor. Everybody has wept over the pathetic portions of his poems, and has laughed over the exquisite humor they contained, but nobody can realize the beauty of it all until Mr. Riley introduces to him these creations of his pen. He is one of the few people to whom nature has given talent upon talent. As he recited the different extracts from his works he went, to the audience, the being representative of the character he portrayed, and every emotion was reflected by his features. His first selection was "When the First is on the Pumpkin." This was followed by "Tradition," the description of the courtship, the sensation of the little boy telling a honest story, which the child makes up as he goes along, was simply convincing, and that of the object-lesson professor was even more enjoyable. If such a thing be possible, the audience fell completely in love with him. Mr. Riley is without a peer in his particular line.

the pastor, Rev. A. E. Owen, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "Christ's Love the Constraining Motive of Christian Labor;" evening, "What Shall We Have if We Give Everything for Christ." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.** St. Luke's, corner of Granby and Bate streets, Rev. A. S. Lloyd, pastor.—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christ, corner Freemason and Cumberland streets, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, pastor.—Services at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. St. Paul's, Church and Cove streets, Rev. Dr. B. D. Tucker, pastor.—Services at 11 a. m. and evening prayer at 4 p. m.

**CATHOLIC.** St. Mary's, corner of Chapel and Holt streets, Rev. John Doherty, pastor.—Services at 7:30 and 11 a. m. Vespers and benediction at 4 p. m. Sacred Heart Church, Rev. T. J. Willinger, pastor.—Low Mass at 7:30 a. m.; high mass at 11 a. m. Vespers and benediction at 4 p. m.

**BAPTIST.** Freemason, corner of Bank and Freemason streets.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. M. E. Wharton, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "Desert and Riverside;" evening, "North and Riverside." Special music at both services.

**CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA.** Hall, corner Malby and Brambleton avenues.—Services at 11 a. m.

**BRAMBLETON WARD.** Dr. Simpson and Mr. LaLeche are regarded as among the most remarkable men living for their sublime faith and the great achievements of their lives. Dr. Simpson has visited Norfolk but once before, and the address of Mr. LaLeche will not soon be forgotten.

Miss Shepherd is a singer of remarkable sweetness and power. Thousands of people have heard her in Carnegie Hall, N. Y., and not a few think she is the greatest ever heard there. In the making and distributing of soup to the needy of the ward during

the recent severe weather, some acknowledgment should be made of those who conceived the worthy thought and contributed liberally towards its execution. These were: Mr. E. T. Thomas, who gave beef, vegetables and fuel; Mr. George H. Dawes, vegetables; Mr. Feucher, agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, fifty loaves of bread, and Messrs. George Watson and W. G. Ashby, for their services. Sixty gallons of soup were distributed.

The Rev. Charles Harrison will preach at St. Peter's Church to-day at 11 o'clock a. m., and the Rev. John Meeme, of Brazil, will preach at 8 o'clock p. m.

To-morrow night a service of much interest will be held in the lecture-room of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, when Rev. J. E. Love, of Suffolk, will deliver an address on "The Bible—What It Is." A recitation by Percy Alley and fine vocal and instrumental music will follow. The public is invited. No admission fee charged.

Rev. S. V. Hosanna, of Portia, will preach at Trinity M. E. church at 11 o'clock this morning. He will also lecture at this church on next Friday night, March 3d.

Capt. J. E. Miller continues ill at his home, South Clay avenue.

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**ATLANTIC CITY WARD.** The Woman's Christian Union District Convention will convene March 2nd in Atlantic City at the W. C. T. U. headquarters. All who are interested in the temperance movement are cordially invited.

Silver Cross Circle of the King's Daughters will hold their "Evening With the Poets" at the residence of Miss Howell Campbell Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

The Raleigh Carnival for the benefit of Leukemia Memorial Church will begin at Odd Fellows' Hall to-morrow evening to continue nightly through the week. In addition to a splendid supper and choice refreshments, there will be a fine musical entertainment, each evening. On the opening night Mrs. Irene Etheridge and Miss Flo Martin, of Portsmouth, will render several fine songs, and there will be instrumental music by Prof. Casey. The ladies are laboring earnestly to pay off a debt on the church, and they appeal to their friends for a generous assistance.

Prior to stock taking we propose to inaugurate a special diamond sale, so during the next ten days you will be able to secure some rare bargains. THE GALE JEWELRY CO.

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