

Moses' Corner.

50 French DRESSING TABLES here—in all the staple and fancy woods at \$7.85 and \$100, and many other prices in between. On all of them the reductions are about like this:

W. MOSES AND SONS F and 11th Streets. Home Warehouse, 212 St. near M.

Hundreds of Fine Articles—Latest Designs. In Silver \$1 up. In 14-karat Gold \$2 up.

C. H. DAVISON 1105 F Street. My Show Window today. Look at It.

HONEST SHOES. We consider that there is more in her than meets the eye. We look at that side. Your confidence is of greater value to us for we are building "upon a rock" for permanency. No doubt we would make more money temporarily by selling "possy" shoes, but we prefer to sell the other kind, because we know you prefer to wear them. Before a shoe is entitled to shell-room in our store it must combine "comfort," "durability," and "style" with a "moderate" price. Plenty of shoes to be had at our prices, but they are not "O.K." kind of shoes. Here are a few specials for today.

Men's Shoes. Men's Fine Russia Calf Shoes, two styles of toe, the equal of others \$1 quality, our \$3.00 price.

Several styles of Men's Imported Seal Shoes, high and low and medium, pointed and broad toe, \$5 everywhere, our price, \$5.00.

Kangaroo Shoes for Men in Oxford, "Prize Alberta," "Southern Tie" and High Shoes, lace and button and Men's Hand-sewn Fine Calf Oxfords, in all the fashionable styles of toe, the others \$6 styles, our price, \$5.00.

Hoover & Snyder NOW 1211 F ST.

BOTTLED GOODS.

OLD MOUNT VERNON, half pint 60c, pint 75c, qt. \$1.00. Specials! Specials!

Holtzman's White Elephant, NINTH AND E STREETS N. W.

GET ALL THE HEAT

You want under the pot—no one else does! That's our \$1.60 Gas Burner—two burners and the jewel. Also three-burner Gas Stove at \$2.75.

Muddiman, 614 12th St. N. W.

IMPROVING WITH AGE.

Georgetown Orchestra's Forty-ninth Annual Concert.

The Georgetown Orchestra played against all the attractions to the city last night and filled Metropolitan Hall with one of the most thoroughly pleased and sympathetic audiences of the season. Forty-eight previous annual events of success and crowded houses constituted a guarantee that the forty-ninth concert would be another social and artistic triumph.

The orchestra was assisted by Miss Mary Helen Home, soprano, and Miss Anita Chas. on the harp. Miss Home was overwhelmed with flowers for her brilliant contribution to the program. Her selection was the scene and aria of Marguerite at the spinning wheel, including the ballad and the jewel song. Miss Home sang in excellent voice, and her artistic rendering of the selection demanded a hearty encore, but there were no encores allowed.

Thieves Reported to the Police. Julius Kowick, a discharged soldier from Fort Monroe, reported at police headquarters yesterday that on Thursday afternoon while drunk and asleep in the Smithsonian Park his pocket was picked of \$46 in cash. Henry H. Kelly, of No. 1643 M street northwest, reported that during the night of the 15th instant some one entered his drug store at above number and stole \$30 from the cash drawer. Samuel Friedman, of No. 311 Seventh street northwest, reported that a young man bought a suit of clothes from him worth \$7.00, for which he gave him a worthless check.

EIGHTEEN WERE MARRIED

Offer of "The Times" Eagerly Accepted by Colored Couples.

FREE LICENSE AND MINISTER

Rev. Mr. Norris, a Well-Known Colored Divine, Performed the Ceremonies in The Times Building. Most of the Applicants Were Young People—Interesting Scenes.

Joseph Sims and Susie Moore. Robert Brown and Caroline Corbin. William Robinson and Sarah Ross. William Warner and Nettie Davall. Richard Alexander Fletcher and Mary Etta Ross. Samuel Smith and Mary Gussaway. William Grinton and Katie Woodward. Andrew Carter and Fannie Norris. George Washington and Jennie Barnes.

Eighteen colored men and women who had for varying periods been living incorrect lives, seized upon the offer of The Times yesterday and sought relief in the bonds of matrimony.

An offered yesterday The Times furnished each couple with a free marriage license, the service of a minister and a certificate of marriage to be framed and placed upon the parlor wall.

The couples united were mainly intelligent, neat looking young men and women, and the avidity with which they embraced the opportunity of stepping from depravity to morality, argues well for their future.

FEAR MOVED SOME. The fear of the police and a cell in the jail was the lever that moved some of the eighteen persons to action, but it is only fair and right to state that the couples in the main were intelligent and entered into the life contract knowingly, willingly and, in a majority, of cases, gladly.

One old colored man, who has an honorable record, and had lived unmarried fifteen years with the woman to whom The Times had yesterday afternoon, bit the nail squarely upon the head when he said:

GEORGE WASHINGTON THE FIRST. Significantly enough his name was George Washington and he told the clerk, who greeted him, that he had just read of The Times offer and wanted to marry his best girl, Jennie Barnes, with whom he had been living for some time past. He was extremely grateful when informed that his case would be attended to later in the day, and went on his way rejoicing.

Soon after George Washington's departure another and another called during the day and a list of eighteen men and women had been reached.

In the meantime, Rev. John William Norris, pastor of St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church, who is now known as "The Times preacher," called and made the preliminary arrangements for the wholesale marriage, which he is attending to later in the day. Rev. Mr. Norris is regularly employed by The Times for this purpose, and is in the interest of humanity and of matrimony.

He was provided with an improvised altar on the third floor of The Times building, in which the ceremonies were performed. He was also provided with a sufficient number of handsomely engraved marriage certificates, one of which ready for training, was given to each couple after they had been made one, according to law and the impressive rites of the church. The minister also went to the District building and provided himself with a full supply of official licenses on which to make the proper returns.

Reporters were then sent scurrying into the different alleys, courts, and by-ways to notify neighbors of the arrangements at The Times building.

BEGAN THE MARRIAGES. Marriage licenses were procured, and by 6 o'clock in the afternoon the nuptial machinery was running smoothly. Soon the expectant brides and grooms commenced to arrive. The first couple to face Rev. J. W. Norris was Joseph Sims, twenty-eight years of age, and Susie Moore, aged twenty-one years, both of No. 136 Iver's court northwest. This couple had been living together one and a half years. They were neatly attired for the occasion and their faces beamed with expectancy.

The ceremony was impressive, and after the Lord's prayer had been repeated, Rev. Norris extended his hand to Mr. and Mrs. Sims and with a firm shake uttered a hearty "God bless you."

The Times for giving them an opportunity of getting married so easily and cheaply. William Robinson and Sarah Ross were the next to step in front of the minister's table and enter into the solemn compact. William is an industrious man, twenty-six years of age, and works at the fish wharf. She was a domestic help, and her home is in Willow Tree alley southwest. His wife is also a hard-working woman. They had lived together two years in an uncorrected state, and in expressing his gratitude for the free marriage, said: "Sarah has been kind to me during my troubles and it is only justice and right that I should thank her for it."

Richard Alexander Fletcher gave his full name when called by Rev. Mr. Norris, and said he was proud of it, now that he was going to marry the girl he loved. "Then," said his prospective bride, "you can have my full name too. It is Mary Etta Ross, and I am twenty-two years of age."

SHE'S NOW MRS. FLETCHER. Richard is twenty-three years old and has only one leg. He lost the other under the cars in Chicago. He sells newspapers for a living. Both Richard and Mary Etta are bright and intelligent, having been educated in the Washington public schools. There was a merry twinkle in the bride's eye as she waited for the minister to commence the ceremony. At its conclusion she clasped her hand on the bridegroom's shoulder and said with a merry peal of laughter:

"Now you are mine, sir, and remember in the future I am no longer Mary Ross, but Mrs. Richard Alexander Fletcher. This couple have known each other since childhood, when they attended the public schools together. They fell in love one day when they were both in the same class, together, the flame never having been subdued, although he had made several long trips from Washington.

"I loved that boy," she said, as they were taking their departure, "and now I love him as a man. Thank God he is at last mine." Their home is in Snow's Row northeast.

Samuel Smith, the next candidate for matrimony, is forty-nine years of age. During nineteen years of that time he lived in an uncorrected state with Mary E. Gussaway, whose wife is now a widow. They were a neatly dressed, intelligent couple, and live at No. 35 Prather's alley. She washes clothes for a livelihood, while he is a street car driver. He also receives a small pension, as he is a veteran of the First United States Cavalry Infantry. He was wounded at Fair Oaks.

SHE WILL HOLD HIM. When handed her marriage certificate, Mrs. Smith expressed her gratitude to The Times, and turning to her husband, said laughingly: "I will hold this, so as I can also hold you."

The next couple married were intelligent, although poor, because the husband is in ill health and unable to do much work. They were William Grinton, forty-two years of age, and Katie Woodward, aged twenty-three years, and they reside at No. 725 Balfour court. They are milliners and Mrs. Grinton is good looking. She appeared to feel keenly the disgrace of not having married sooner.

Andrew Carter, a well-dressed young man with only one eye, and Fannie Norris were next man and wife. Andrew is twenty-three years of age and Fannie is three years older. They reside at No. 458 King's court, and are uneducated. They were succeeded at the impromptu altar of hymns by George Washington and Fannie Barnes. By a strange coincidence Washington was the groom to whom The Times offered marriage in the morning at 7:30 o'clock and the last to appear to have the knot tied in the evening.

The great basis of St. Patrick's were just tolling for 8 o'clock last evening when Rev. Norris ended the ceremony by shaking hands with Mr. and Mrs. Washington and bidding them adieu. This couple resides at No. 41 Jackson alley.

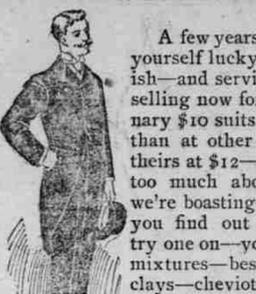
Rev. John William Norris, The Times' preacher, was born in Virginia in 1842, and is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He lived a number of years in Pennsylvania and entering the ministry in 1877, joined the Philadelphia conference in 1880. He has been preaching twelve years and then went into the Baltimore conference, where he remained four years. He is now serving his third year in Washington.

MRS. SHEA CO-OPERATING. Mrs. John Shea and other members of the Central Union Mission, including Mr. Muncester, are co-operating with The Times in its noble project that feature of the social evil which is bringing so many violators of the law to the penitentiary. Last evening, through the efforts of Mrs. Shea, Mr. Muncester, and Ellen Greaves, an application was received by the police court, including several children, who had been playing about the structure, were also injured. Joseph LeMoine, a man eighty-five years old, escaped with severe bruises and a bad shaking up.

WALL FELL UPON THEM. One Man Died Immediately and Another Cannot Survive. Chicago, May 17.—Thirteen were buried this afternoon under a brick wall which collapsed at the Globe Molding Works, Sangamon street and Fourteenth place. One of the men, William Nangle, was so badly injured that he died within a few minutes after being taken to the hospital.

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FOUND DEATH UNDER RUINS

Three Persons Killed in a Building Which Suddenly Collapsed.

Two or Three Others Were Fatally Hurt, While Quite a Number Received Serious Injuries.

Providence, R. I., May 17.—A two and a half story wooden tenement house, owned by Joseph LeMoine, and occupied by him and several other French families, in that part of the town of Coventry known as "Jericho," seven miles from this city, collapsed late this afternoon and three persons were killed and eleven injured.

It is thought that two of the latter are fatally hurt. The building had been raised to permit the building of another story beneath it.

The killed: Mrs. Mabel Goertin, fifty years old, occupant of the house; Asa Aldrich, fifty-five year old, workman employed in raising house.

Two-and-a-half-year-old child of Louis LeMoine, occupant of house. The injured are: Mrs. Joseph LeMoine, aged seventy years, crushed, bruised and internally injured; probably fatally.

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A few years ago you would have called yourself lucky to get as good-fitting—stylish—and serviceable a suit for \$15 as we're selling now for \$10. Ours are not ordinary \$10 suits. We wanted them better than at other stores—in fact as good as theirs at \$12—and so they are. If we say too much about them you might think we're boasting—so we'd much rather have you find out for yourself. Come in and try one out—you can choose from fifty fancy mixtures—besides the black and blue clays—cheviots—and serges.

Eiseman Bros.,

Cor. Seventh and E Sts. N. W. No Branch Store in This City.

VIRTUOSOS IN MINIATURE.

Little Tots Performing Wonderfully Well on the Violin. A very successful carnival was held last night in Carroll Institute Hall under the auspices of Prof. William B. Field's Free Violin School. This school has been doing a good work during the winter months among the boys and girls of the city. They are given the best of instruction free of all charge, and the rapid advance and wonderful achievements of the children were made manifest last night to a large audience of their friends.

Miss Marguerite Harbers, a diminutive little miss, who could hardly toddle upon the stage, gave a marvelous exhibition of her skill. Among the features of the program were vocal solos by Miss Pauline Forning, Mr. Henry Miller, Miss Lottie Phillips and Miss Mattie McWilliams; violin solos by Mr. William Feldman, Miss Maud Feldman and Mr. James Babcock; recitations by Miss Pauline Forning; fancy dancing by Misses Susie and Celine Spenser; and popular air played by the school. After the completion of the program dancing, in which the audience and the pupils took part, was indulged in until midnight.

"PLEADIN'" FOR HIS LIFE.

Crying John Hodson Was Not Asking for Clemency. John Hodson, alias "Crying John," was arrested Thursday night by Policeman Parsons, of the Seventh precinct, and charged in the police court yesterday with vagrancy. The policeman found him going around among the different saloons crying for drink.

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A Straight Tip

Not on the race, but about clothing. Others may BOAST and BRAG Until they strike a SNAG, And then they reach the CRISIS; We handle no TRASH, But sell STRICTLY for cash, And RETAIL at WHOLESALE prices.

No matter what kind of a reduction sale OTHERS have, you can readily see WHY they can't touch our prices for the same quality of material. Our factory is in Reading, Pa., where we manufacture our OWN goods, hence we get them at FINEST COST. We are RETAILING these goods to the public at the same price the MERCHANTS pay for THEM, and as we all must make a profit they CAN'T compete with our prices. If you want to save from 25 to 40 per cent on every purchase, come to us and SAVE THE RETAILER'S PROFIT.

Wholesale and Retail Manufacturing Clothiers, 403 and 405 Seventh Street Northwest. Factory and Salesroom, 402 and 404 Pann Street, Reading, Pa.



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