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"Like most boys, I had great faith in the prowess of soldiers and believed them invincible if pitted against Indians. Repeatedly I told the squaws that they would 'get their pay,' meaning their punishment for what they had done, but conveyed my meaning thus, so that if they showed displeasure I could explain that I meant their annual payment from the government.

**When Hope Almost Died.**

"About 4 o'clock in the afternoon a flag came in view in the direction of the agency. Soon after was seen the glitter of bayonets and swords. What I had firmly believed all day was now to come true. The soldiers were coming to mete out punishment and release the captives. I could contain myself no longer, and having no hat I picked up an old rag, clambered on the roof of the hut, waved it and shouted several lusty hurrahs. Then I jumped down and ran toward the procession. Alas! the approaching parade was a mob of wild Indians arrayed in the clothes of the soldiers they had slain at the ferry. The disillusionment was the worst shock of the day for me. I then and there gave up all hopes of seeing white people again. Had not the invincible soldiers been annihilated?

**Dressed as Indian.**

"On the second or third day of my

captivity several squaws assisted my mistress in making a regular Indian outfit for me. It consisted of a pair of leggings, a calico shirt, a breach-cloth and a belt. In dress I was now like an Indian, but my complexion was fair and my hair silvery white. This naturally made me conspicuous in a group of Indian boys and I was soon known all over the camp as "Paw Skaw" (whitehead). At first I did not mind it, but it finally affected my temper to a point where the squaw demanded to know what was the matter. I told her. She found a remedy. Thereafter when she had mopped my face with a wet rag as she did every morning she scattered dried powder over my head, smeared my face with paint and made a few streaks and dots in it with her fingernails. This worked like a charm and I was no longer annoyed.

**Changes "Employers."**

"The Indian who had captured our teams and wagon remembered how well the oxen had obeyed me. He soon found me again and asked me to help him haul some forage. Having accommodated him two or three times, the squaw, on my last return, said to me that if I worked for others I should board and lodge there too. The next time my Indian friend came, I told him what the squaw had said. "So much the better," he replied. "Come right along. Hereafter you are

a member of my family."

"There was no time consumed in packing, as everything I had was the clothes on my back. The parting caused me some pain, though, for I had become somewhat attached to my Indian home and more so to the two young women in the family.

"In my new home I found a trunk that had belonged to an uncle of mine who was a soldier in the federal army in the south. In it I found a few copies of Harper's Weekly with pictures, mostly of war scenes, and these interested me much.

"My master had two sons and one daughter. The oldest boy was of my age and proved to be a good companion and true friend to me. Nor was I entirely forgotten by the family which had first sheltered me.

**Well Liked by Captors.**

"The two daughters called one afternoon and got permission to take me back with them for a day. Every attention was paid me. I was feasted and entertained with pleasant chat by the two girls.

"For fear I may be considered a pampered drone in the hive I ought to make mention of the duties I was expected to perform. I had to provide all the wood and water for the cooking, whether the supply was far or near. I had to see to the feeding of the oxen and horses. I had to assist in striking and pitching camp, load-

ing and unloading and when on the move I had charge of the ox team.

"The food of the Indians was good and our rations liberal. Green corn, potatoes and beans; fresh mutton or beef were the staple articles. Vegetables and meats were served without salt and the coffee black and very sweet. I protested and to please me a little bag of salt and one of sugar was put at my place and I was told to use both to suit my taste. Sometimes when strolling through camp after a meal I would be invited to partake and never refused. One time it was the white porcelain dishes and at another the regular plantation molasses that attracted me.

**Regarded as Prodigy.**

"Sometimes when visitors came I was the topic of conversation. I had learned to read but not yet to use a pen, but my master would point me out as a prodigy who could read and write. I was able to understand and answer questions about ordinary affairs. But at times I was asked questions by my Indian captors and their friends touching on astronomy and religion which were, of course, beyond my depth.

"At the time the battle of Birch Coulee was raging there was great excitement in the camp. My mistress feared for my safety. Toward evening she took me into the woods skirting the bluffs south of the Minnesota

river, placed me in a hollow bass-wood tree and told me to remain there until she came for me next morning. The position was cramped and uncomfortable and when it was dark I crept out and ran home to the camp, where I went to sleep in my usual place.

"The squaw, on seeing me the next morning, was greatly surprised, but did not seem displeased. There were disturbances at other times when my master was at home. On these occasions he was accustomed to roll me in a buffalo robe and sit on me, calmly smoking until the danger, whatever it was, had passed.

**Sleeps on Gunpowder.**

"On the night that the Indians lay around General Sibley's camp at Wood Lake, I slept in the powder tent on a heap of powder, which made a better mattress than one would suppose. I slept soundly."

**Surrendered to Soldiers.**

On the return of his Indian master from the battle of Wood Lake, young Juni was told to get ready to return to his parents, as arrangements had been made for his surrender. On the next morning he again put on white man's garb such as could be found. It consisted of a pair of men's trousers, cut off at the knee, a long linen duster, and a stove pipe hat! In this garb he was surrendered to the soldiers, and confined in a sort of enclosure with other surrendered prison-

ers whose names were taken and sent to the Pioneer newspaper in St. Paul. In this way his father came to learn that his boy was still in the land of the living. But the end of his adventures had not come. Young Juni and two other boys, Louis Kitzmann and August Gluth, tired of the confinement of their quarters and escaped from his unpleasant captivity. Juni was captured again by the Indians and again surrendered when some of the Indian bands decided to quit the war-path and come in. His companions got away entirely and reached Fort Ridgely before he did. In the camp of the white man Juni says "I waited upon the women and messed with three little girls. One tin dish and one spoon constituted our outfit and rice and sugar the only food except some wormy crackers. My two companions, Kitzmann and Gluth left Camp Release on the first opportunity and reached Fort Ridgely on the same day that my father and Mr. Gluth had come to look for us. Kitzmann's father was not there. He had been killed at the outbreak of the massacre. My experiences at the fort were not of the most pleasant character. I now fully realized that to be a captive among the Sioux was not the worst lot that could have befallen me. Within a few days of my arrival at the fort my father took me to Le Sueur, where I had a home until the autumn of 1865."

# OTTOMEYER'S SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

## FOR ONE WHOLE WEEK

### Commencing MONDAY AUG. 26 Closing SATURDAY AUG. 31

We are offering at this time all of our summer as well as some of the fall goods at a special low, money-saving reduction. Our reputation for being exactly as we advertise is well known as well as our reputation for high grade merchandise. It is seldom that you will be able to purchase such high-grade goods at such a low figure as at Ottomeyer's next week. Now do not miss this opportunity. A lot of ladies will be tired after the festivities but nevertheless every lady will be interested in getting seasonable goods at the reduction as we offer them. We will mention a few articles that we shall offer. Kindly notice the prices.

#### Ladies' Ready-to-Wear.



We have a few wash suits in linen and other material, which run from \$4.00 to \$10.00 to clean up at.....**\$2.00**

#### Worsted Suits.

A few left over from this and last season to be offered at less than half the price.

#### Coats.

Only about one-half dozen left over will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

#### Dress Skirts.

We have a few wash skirts from 98c to \$3.25 to go at a mock price of.....**50c**

#### Dresses.

Ladies Street Dresses at a reduced price.  
Colored dresses, \$2.25 quality to go at.....**\$1.75**  
Another line in lawn dresses \$3.75 quality at.....**\$2.75**

#### Fancy White Dresses.

\$5.00 quality to go at.....	<b>\$3.50</b>
6.00 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>3.98</b>
10.00 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>7.50</b>
12.00 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>9.00</b>
19.00 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>15.00</b>

A few Odds and Ends of dresses too numerous to mention will be sold at half price.

#### Waists.

73c quality will be sold at.....	<b>49c</b>
\$1.00 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>79c</b>
1.25 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>90c</b>
1.50 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>\$1.00</b>
2.25 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>1.79</b>

A line of Silk Waists at one-half price.

#### Sun Bonnets.

A few dozen of Ladies' and Children's Sun Bonnets our 25c quality to go at. **19c**

#### Parasols.

A line of Children's Parasols, only a few left will be sold at cost price.  
Ladies' Colored Parasols, still a large assortment left to make selection from.  
\$2.00 quality to go at.....**\$1.50**  
1.65 " " " " " " " " " " " "  
2.25 " " " " " " " " " " " "  
1.65  
All other Parasols at reduced prices.

#### Gloves.

We have the famous Kayser and Tasma Gloves in white, black and colors, all sizes. Our 25c quality at.....**19c**  
50c " " " " " " " " " " " "  
\$1.00 " " " " " " " " " " " "

#### Ribbons.

We have received lately a big line of silk ribbons in plain and fancy worth 15c and 20c on sale at.....**12c**  
Other ribbons cheaper, here is the time to put in your supply for Xmas fancy work.

#### Pearl Buttons.

Our 5c quality at **2c** per doz.

#### Shoe Strings.

To be sold at **1c** per pair.

#### Twist.

A line of Beldings buttonhole twist, all colors, except white and black, will be sold for **1c** per spool.

#### Klostersilk.

We have a number of shades left will be closed out at **1c** a skein.

#### Gauze Underwear.

This is an item which is hard for me to itemize so we will simply state that all our gauze underwear can be bought at cost. We have a fair assortment in ladies' and children's Vests, Pants, Combination Suits.

#### Muslin Underwear (Children)

A large assortment of children's muslin waists and pants, nicely made, at only. **10c**  
A better quality of waists, gowns, drawers, and combination waists and skirts, neatly trimmed with lace and embroidery at.....**18c**  
A line of gowns, drawers, waists and petticoats at.....**25c**  
A better quality of gowns, drawers, petticoats at.....**50c**

#### Ladies Muslin Underwear.

Ladies' drawers, 25c quality, to go at. **20c**  
49c quality at.....**39c**

#### Petticoats.

Lace and embroidery trimmed  
\$1.00 quality, at.....**83c**  
1.50 " " " " " " " " " " " "  
2.25 " " " " " " " " " " " "  
3.50 " " " " " " " " " " " "  
All the petticoats at reduced prices.

#### Princess Slips.

\$1.48 quality at.....	<b>\$1.00</b>
2.25 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>1.65</b>
3.25 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>2.25</b>
3.50 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>2.89</b>
4.50 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>3.48</b>

#### Gowns.

Our 90c quality at.....	<b>72c</b>
" 98c " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>88c</b>
" \$1.25 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>95c</b>
" 1.50 " " " " " " " " " " " "	<b>1.25</b>

#### Hosiery.



We carry the famous "Iron Clad" hosiery known all over the Northwest as being the most durable as well as fast in color hosiery on the market. We are offering the entire line at a reduced price.

#### Wash Goods.

Kindly notice the following bargains, all new, this year's goods.  
Our 16c Linaire at.....**10c**  
" 18c Flaxon Lawn at.....**12c**  
" 24c Voiles & Silk Mull at.....**15c**  
" 35c " " Lawns at.....**20c**  
" 89c " " " " " " " " " " " "  
" 43c Lyrate Fancy Silks at.....**30c**

#### Embroidery.

We offer a line of embroidery worth 10c and 12c, good quality, good styles at.....**8c**  
Other Embroidery cheaper.  
Laces at Reduced Prices.

A number of other articles on sale which we cannot mention in this advertisement, but you can look for Bargains. DO NOT MISS this SALE as we offer these goods in order to make room for our fall goods.