A RESISTLESS AVALANCHE OF HOLIDAY BARGAINS!

CLOAK DEPARTMENT!

"Worth" Wraps at Half Price!

We below present a line of HIGH ART NOVELTIES IN FANCY WRAPS, no two of which are alike. These elegant garments are FROM "WORTH," THE CELEBRATED PARISIAN DESIGNER, and having been specially imported for the Holiday trade they must be disposed of immediately, hence we place them on sale this week at HALF AND LESS THAN HALF FORMER PRICES.

Ladies' Fancy Wraps.

At $10.00.

LADY'S NOVELTY WRAP, made of handsome Garnet Silk Velvet, elaborately trimmed with jet; Garnet Satin, extra heavy quality, trimmed with fine jet, finished with black sailor collar and reveres; Black Velvet, with fancy gilt trimmings, finished off with black lace; FANCY TAN-COLORED WRAP, trimmed with Gray Velvet, finished off with gimp in the combination colors. There is but one garment of each kind described, worth $25, will be offered at the very low price of $10 each.

At $15.00.

LADY'S FANCY BRONZE SILK VELVET COMBINATION WRAP, back and front of Black Silk Grenadine, interwoven with steel, collar and full sleeves, finished off with black lace; LADY'S FANCY COMBINATION GARNET VELVET AND BLACK SILK GRENADINE WRAP, with fancy black and gilt passementerie and ornaments to match, worth $30, will be offered at $15 each.

At $25.00.

LADY'S WRAP, of ox-blood heavy-ribbed silk, combined with black silk grenadine, interwoven with steel and gilt tinsels; FANCY WRAPS of bronze-green velvet, with black lace sleeves, finished with heavy jet trimmings and lace jabot; Fancy Mulberry Velvet, combined with jet and black lace, long front, elaborately trimmed with jet; OX-BLOOD SILK VELVET WRAP, with very heavy jet trimmings, Japanese sleeves, with deep jet cuffs; GOLDEN BROWN SILK VELVET AND BLACK VELVET WRAPS, combined with black lace and fancy passementerie; Changeable Velvet, combined with rose-pink brocaded silk, finished off with handsome combination gimp; Wine-colored Velvet, combined with black India silk and trimmed with heavy jet; FANCY OLIVE-GREEN SILK VELVET WRAPS, combined with apple-green cloth, vest and reveres handsomely appliqued, worth $45, will be offered at $25 each.

At $35.00.

LADY'S BLACK POLKA-DOT SILK WRAP, with angel sleeves, trimmings of jet and gilt combined; bronze brown silk velvet, with sleeves of black silk grenadine interwoven with iridescent beads, heavy jet fringe and passementerie, with tabs of black lace. BLACK FAILLE SILK WRAP, with lace sleeves, interwoven with fancy jet, finished off with gimp, in Oriental colors, lace in back and on tabs; very fine, worth $60, will be offered at $35 each.

At $20.00.

LADY'S BLACK SILK PLUSH WRAP, long tabs, angel sleeves, quilted lining, finished off with nice feather trimming; COMBINATION WRAPS of Black Matelasse and Silk Plush, with Zouave fronts, silk marabout trimming; BLACK MATELASSE WRAPS, with quilted lining, silk marabout and gimp trimming, worth $35, will be offered at $20 each.

At $25.00.

LADY'S WRAP, of Black Matelasse and Silk Plush combined, quilted lining, long tabs, cape with gimp fringe collar and fronts trimmed with French seal fur; BLACK SILK PLUSH WRAP, short back, long fronts, quilted lining, trimmed with black coney fur and fancy gimp ornaments, worth $40, will be offered at $25 each.

At $35.00.

LADY'S WRAP, black matelasse and silk plush combined, quilted lining, long tabs, zouave fronts edged with silk balls, collar, sleeves and around bottom finished with ostrich feather trimming. LADIES' MATELASSE WRAP, trimmed with silk plush and heavy gimp, sleeves, neck and around bottom finished with feather trimming. Wrap of terra cotta and black brocaded silk combined with black silk plush coat sleeves, long tabs, trimming of black silk gimp and French seal fur; worth $60, will be offered at $35 each.

At $35.00.

LADY'S WRAP of fancy matelasse, stone-colored and black combined, long tabs, sleeves of black silk plush, trimmed with silk marabout; ELEGANT WRAP of black figured silk, quilted lining, long tabs and trimmed with fine quality French seal fur, worth $55, will be offered at $35 each.

At $35.00.

LADY'S FULL-LENGTH WRAP of very heavy figured black silk, loose sleeves of heavy grenadine, interwoven with jet, elaborate jet ornaments on back and front, trimmed with fine quality lace, worth $60, will be offered at $35 each.

At $50.00.

LADY'S BOTTLE-GREEN EMBOSSED VELVET LONG CLOAK, lined with fancy silk, trimmed with fine quality black lace and finished with elaborate gilt passementerie; FULL-LENGTH WRAPS of heavy black silk, handsomely trimmed with fancy flowered grenadine and lace, finished with colored silk-ball pendants, lining of pink surah, worth $85, will be offered at $50 each.

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MURPHY BUILDING,
Market Street, corner of Jones,
SAN FRANCISCO.

Before directing attention to the accompanying MARVELOUS BARGAINS we desire to extend to our patrons and the public our most hearty and sincere wishes for their enjoyment of the coming holidays and to thank them for the liberal patronage that is making our GREAT HOLIDAY SALE such a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.

That this success is merited will be readily apparent on glancing through the appended quotations and when the fact is taken into consideration that these are but samples of the THOUSANDS OF EQUALLY WONDERFUL BARGAINS OFFERED those who have not yet made all their Holiday purchases will perceive they positively cannot afford to miss the

Unparalleled Opportunities Presented by Us This Week!

Fancy Ribbons!

At 15c.

NOVELTY FANCY RIBBONS, all silk, in fancy colorings, elegant for fancy work, value 35c, will be offered at 15c.

At 20c.

EXTRA QUALITY OF COLORED CASHMERE AND GROS-GRAIN, FANCY-PAINTED, FLOWERED RIBBONS, value 40c per yard, entirely new, will be offered at 20c.

At 25c.

FANCY RIBBONS, PAINTED RIBBONS, CASHMERE RIBBONS AND COLORED VELVET AND SATIN RIBBONS, value from 50c to 60c, will be offered at 25c.

At 30c.

COLORED SATIN AND GROS-GRAIN AND DOUBLE-FACED SATIN RIBBONS, all silk, 5 inches wide, value 60c a yard, will be offered at 30c.

At 40c.

FANCY COLORED RIBBONS, all silk, 5 inches wide, elegantly assorted in colors, value 75c a yard, will be offered at 40c.

At 50c.

FANCY VELVET AND SATIN RIBBONS, in solid colors, entirely new, value $1 a yard, will be offered at 50c.

At 75c.

FANCY RIBBONS, in satin, in all rich colorings, specially imported, value $1 50 a yard, will be offered at 75c.

At $1.50.

FANCY VELVET AND SILK, ALSO GAUZE RIBBONS, 10 inches wide, worth $3 50, will be offered at $1 50.

At $2.50.

EXTRA FANCY PLAID VELVET RIBBONS, in handsome colorings, value $5, will be placed on sale at $2 50.

Books! Books!

THE WORLD'S FAMOUS BOOK LIST OF THE POPULAR AUTHORS, including Dickens, Eliot, Scott, Haggard, Swift, Lytton, Marryat, Cooper, Milton, etc., bound in cloth, gilt titles, each book complete, regular value 50c, will be offered at 15c.

At 25c.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS, in 12 different kinds, elegantly bound, value 50c, will be offered at 25c.

At $1.00.

ILLUSTRATED HISTORIES OF ENGLAND, IRELAND, AMERICA, GERMANY, EGYPT, AFRICA, etc., also DANTE'S INFERNO, DORE BIBLE GALLERY, MILTON'S PARADISE LOST, etc., value $2 50, will be offered at $1 each; these books must be seen to be appreciated.

Pictures!

At 50c.

OIL PAINTINGS, in Panels, Gilt Frames, 28 inches by 19 inches, in scenes and landscapes, value $1 50, will be offered at 50c.

At $1.00.

OIL PAINTINGS, large size, gilt frames, 39 inches by 31 inches, in a beautiful variety of scenes, value $2 50, will be offered at $1.

Pastels!

At $2.00.

28x15 inches, PASTELS, with elegant frames, panel shape, entirely new, value $4, will be offered at $2.

At $2.50.

30x17 inches, PASTELS, nicely assorted, with rich wood frames, value $5, will be offered at $2 50.

At $3.50.

32x28 inches, PASTELS, in elegant scenes, carved frames, value $8, will be offered at $3 50.

At $5.00.

32x28 inches, PASTELS, entirely new designs, extra rich frames, regular value $10, will be offered at $5.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S UMBRELLAS!

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS in ivory, gold, silver, inlaid, horn, agate, pearl, oxidized, natural and buck-horn handles, will be offered at extremely low prices.

Silk Handkerchiefs

At 25c.

LADIES' HAND-EMBROIDERED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, embroidered all round, value 40c, will be offered at 25c.

At 50c.

LADIES' ELEGANTLY EMBROIDERED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, value regular 75c to 85c, will be offered at 50c.

At 75c.

LADIES' SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, hand-work in elaborate designs, value $1 to $1 25, will be offered at 75c.

Albums! Albums!

At 25c.

LARGE SIZE LEATHERETTE AND PLUSH ALBUMS, regular value 50c, will be offered at 25c.

At 50c.

LARGE SIZE PLUSH ALBUMS, regular value $1, will be offered at 50c.

At 75c.

LARGE SIZE PLUSH ALBUMS, in different colorings, value $1 25, will be offered at 75c.

FULL LINE ALBUMS, TOILET CASES, MANICURE SETS, JEWEL CASES, WRITING DESKS, etc., at less than half their original value.

Scrap Books!

At 25c.

EXTRA LARGE SCRAP BOOK, value 50c, will be offered at 25c.

Soaps and Perfumeries

At 25c.

LARGE SIZE BOTTLES OF BAY RUM and FLORIDA WATER, regular value 50c, will be offered at 25c.

At 25c.

LUBIN'S EXTRACTS, regular value 55c, will be offered at 25c.

At 5c.

LAZELL'S—Small Bottles—EXTRACTS, regular value 10c, will be offered at 5c.

At 15c.

LAZELL'S (½-ounce Bottles) EXTRACTS, regular value 25c, will be offered at 15c.

At 50c.

COLGATE'S (2-ounce Bottles) EXTRACTS, in all the new odors, value 75c, will be offered at 50c a bottle.

At 20c.

COLGATE'S OATMEAL, GLYCERINE and HONEY SOAPS, value 30c a box, will be offered at 20c a box.

At 20c.

COLGATE'S CASHMERE BOUQUET SOAP, regular value 25c a cake, will be offered at 20c a cake.

At 25c.

COLGATE'S TAR and SULPHUR-SOAP, value 35c a box, will be offered at 25c a box.

At 25c.

COLGATE'S PERFUMED BATH SOAP, in one pound bars, will be offered at 25c a bar.

FULL LINE OF PERFUMES in all the leading makes, put up in cut-glass bottles, from 25c to $1 25 a bottle.

Store Open Evenings During the Holiday Season.

Mail orders promptly and carefully executed. Goods delivered free in Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, San Rafael, Tiburon, Sausalito, San Quentin, Mill Valley, Ross Station and Belthedale.

Our New Catalogue is now ready and will be mailed free on application. See to-day's "Examiner" and "Chronicle" for Great Offerings from many other departments.

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Ladies' Cloth Jackets.

At $5.00.

LADIES' REEFER JACKETS, of good quality cheviot, double-breasted, bone buttons, blazer pockets, length 28 inches, worth $7 50, will be offered at $5.

At $7.50.

LADIES' REEFER JACKETS, made of black twilled cloaking, with good quality black cony fur collar and fur trimming down front, and four loop ornaments, length 30 inches, worth $10 50, will be offered at $7 50.

At $8.50.

LADIES' REEFER JACKETS, made of black twilled cloaking, with good quality black cony fur collar and fur trimming down front, blazer pockets and four loop ornaments, length 30 inches, worth $12, will be offered at $8 50 each.

At $12.50.

LADIES' FUR-TRIMMED REEFER JACKETS, made of black imported serge, tailor pockets, four loop ornaments, entire rolling collar of fine quality of black cony fur, length 30 inches, worth $17 50, will be offered at $12 50 each.

At $15.00.

LADIES' REEFER JACKETS, made of extra good quality black diagonal, high rolling collar, rolling fronts and collars of good black cony fur and fine French seal fur, blazer pockets, finished with four handsome silk frogs, length 30 inches, worth $20, will be offered at $15 each.

Ladies' Sealette Jackets.

At $20.00.

LADIES' JACKETS, excellent grade seal plush, large sailor collar and wide plush front facings, twilled silk lining, four fine silk ornaments, length 28 inches, worth $25, will be offered at $20 each.

At $25.00.

LADIES' REEFER JACKETS, of extra fine quality of seal plush, satin rhadame lining, large rolling collar, wide plush facings, four unique head ornaments, length 30 inches, worth $30, will be offered at $25 each.

At $30.00.

LADIES' JACKETS, made of extra quality sealette, lined throughout with plain brown satin lining, large rolling collar and broad front facings of genuine astrachan fur, sleeves edged with the same, four astrachan and silk loop ornaments, length 30 inches, worth $37 50, will be offered at $30 each.

Ladies' Newmarkets.

At $10.50.

LADIES' NEWMARKETS in large variety of dark and medium plaids, double-breasted, high flaring collar, adjustable cape, fastened at neck with handsome silk cord ornament, worth $15, will be offered at $10 50 each.

At $12.50.

LADIES' NEWMARKETS, rich dark plaids, medium weight, double breasted, standing collar, lap pockets, bone buttons to match materials, adjustable cape, with handsome cord ornament, worth $17 50, will be offered at $12 50 each.

At $15.00.

LADIES' NEWMARKETS in rich dark check materials, half fitting, double breasted, turn-down collar, deep cuff, large hood, strap across back at waist, worth $22 50, will be offered at $15 each.

Misses' Jackets and Cloaks.

At $4.00 to $6.00.

MISSES' JACKETS, made of cheviots and melton cloth, all sizes, ranging in price from $4 to $6, worth $6 to $8.

At $4.00 to $6.50.

MISSES' LONG CLOAKS, made of an excellent dark plaid material, single breasted, gathered skirt, silk girdle round waist, sizes from 4 to 16 years, varying in price from $4 to $6 50, worth $6 to $8 50.

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THE REFORM OF CRIMINALS.

Christmas Letters Sent to Prisoners in This City.

Received From the Prison Letter Mission in England—A Brief Sketch of the Methods in Vogue There.

A bulky package, done up in heavy brown paper, was received in the office of Chief Crowley a few days since, the result of the following correspondence, which commenced in August last:

SMETHCOTT RECTORY, LEEBOTWOOD, SHREWSBURY, ENGLAND, Aug. 6, 1891.

P. Crowley, Esq., Chief of Police, San Francisco, Cal., U. S. A.—DEAR SIR: I am sending a line to ask if we may have the pleasure of sending you some letters, specially prepared for prisoners, at Christmas, in connection with Mrs. Meredith's Mission to Prisoners. If you do not object and think the prisoners would like them, please kindly say how many you would like me to send and in what languages. They are all in manuscript, contain simple gospel truths and are prettily decorated. Hoping to hear at your earliest convenience, believe me, I am, dear sir, yours faithfully, MISS D. G. ELLERTON,
Secretary Prison Letter Mission.
(For Mrs. Meredith.)

The above was intrusted to Sergeant Healy, who replied to it, and during the month of November received the following:

SMETHCOTT RECTORY, LEEBOTWOOD, SHREWSBURY, ENGLAND, Nov. 4, 1891.

Dear Sir: In accordance with your kind permission, I send you 700 "Christmas letters," specially prepared for the criminal classes, and trust they may prove useful and acceptable. If you find they are not suitable to the class of persons under your supervision, perhaps you will kindly let me know. Should you want another year you would like a larger number, I shall have much pleasure in sending them to you.

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Trusting it may please God to bless this little effort to the benefit of those for whom it is intended, I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,
MISS D. G. ELLERTON,
Secretary Prison-Letter Mission.
(For Mrs. Meredith.)

To P. Crowley, Esq., Chief of the Police, San Francisco.

YOUR CHRISTMAS LETTER.

When the package was opened the contents were discovered to be a large number of envelopes with "Your Christmas Letter" printed on the outside, and each contained a letter in manuscript of which the following is a sample:

CHRISTMAS, 1891.

Dear Friend—I am writing to wish you "A Happy Christmas," and not only to wish it, but tell you how you can have it. Jesus Christ came into the world to secure happiness for all who will have it on the first Christmas morning when the angels announced, "Good tidings of great joy, for unto you is born a Savior." A Savior means one who will save us from sin, the cause of much sorrow, and will forgive us all that is past and help us to do better in future.

One who can cure us if we are sick and comfort us if we are sad. When Jesus was on earth he said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Whether we know it or not, we are all heavy laden with sin, and we can only get rid of it by coming to Christ. What is coming? When Christ was in this world people came to him for just what they wanted. They just told him in simple words and he always answered them. So coming to-day means just telling Jesus everything and believing he can and will help.

There is not a person in the world, however good their life may be, who does not need a Savior. God's own word says: "All have sinned." But the Lord Jesus Christ, dying on the cross, has taken the punishment on himself, and the Bible says he is "the same yesterday and to-day and forever." That God will help you, and that this may be to you "a happy Christmas" is the wish of your sincere friend,
M——I——.

Each letter is beautifully decorated in the manner of Christmas remembrances with flowers, either hand painted, natural pressed, decalcomania or handsomely lithographed, and every letter was written by a different person.

"PRISON-LETTER MISSION"

Inquiry developed the information that this manner of reformation of the criminal classes is widespread in England, and the mission is a systematically arranged organization, and to the forwarding of its aims and purposes hundreds of charitably inclined women in England labor arduously. The "Prison Letter Mission" is, however, only one branch of a system of reform now in vogue in Great Britain, and probably is an outgrowth of those institutions so well known in that country, one of which is Mildmay and the other the Meredith institution. These institutions go much deeper into the subject, and of them it may truly be said, "They touch the prison gates."

Whenever prisoners are released from jails in England agents of these institutions approach them as they leave the gates and if the prisoners show any inclination or desire to lead a better life the opportunity is given them, through the instrumentality of the institutions, to get honorable work and to redeem their past errors by upright deportment in the future. They are taken to the institutions, where they are furnished with work until a sufficient time has elapsed to convince the managers that it will be safe to send them out in the world to serve in situations procured by those in charge. The former life in the prison can be relegated practically to oblivion by an honest life on leaving the prison walls, as there is a law forbidding officers from giving information concerning the prison life of released prisoners who have commenced life anew. The beneficial results of the Mildmay and Meredith institutions is incalculable, and thousands of men and women have been reformed through their instrumentality.

The 700 letters in Sergeant Healy's charge will be distributed to the inmates of the City Prison, City and County Jail, branch jail and House of Correction on Christmas morning.

NOT "IN EVIDENCE."

Novel Exhibition in Court of a Robber's Child.

During the trial of William Lynn in Judge Murphy's department yesterday, for robbing W. H. Duff of a watch and chain, worth $150, a novel incident occurred. While arguing for the defense, Lawyer "Mike" Coffey suddenly snatched up one of Lynn's little children and approached the jury-box.

"Mr. Coffey," shouted Judge Murphy, "put that child down at once."

"Your Honor," whined Coffey, "why should I do that?"

"For a very good and sufficient reason," responded Judge Murphy, with a peculiar expression. "That child has not yet been offered in evidence, and consequently you have no right to use it as an exhibit in the case."

The jury soon retired, but failed to agree upon a verdict.

New Jewish Burying-Place.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the consecration of the new cemetery of the Congregation Beth Israel at San Mateo will take place, also the laying of the corner-stone of the mortuary chapel. The train will leave Third and Townsend streets at 12:15 o'clock in the afternoon and the Valencia-street station ten minutes later. The congregation still possesses a plat thirty-five acres in extent on the Point Lobos road, but no more burials will be made there, and owners will be reimbursed the price of the land on the removal of the remains of their friends and relatives.

Extension of Streets.

The Market and Nineteenth streets Improvement Club has petitioned the Board of Supervisors to set a time for hearing on the final passage of the resolution granting further time to the Nineteenth-Twenty-third-street Commission. The expenses of the work will fall on the property bounded by Eighteenth street, Twenty-fourth, west side of Valencia to the Lincoln and Almshouse road, at right angles.

Injurious and of Little Value.

Replies to circulars sent out by Superintendent Swett to parents and guardians of public school pupils, asking opinions upon the present system of "cramming" and home study, indicate that it is injurious to health and of little practical value to pupils. It is probable that the course of study will therefore be modified by the School Board.

Sidney Bell's Case.

The case of Sidney Bell, convicted of the murder of Samuel M. Jacobson, will be called on Saturday by Judge Murphy for continuance of the argument for a new trial. The argument was interrupted pending the decision of the Supreme Court in the McNulty case.

Mrs. Cotter Pleaded Not Guilty.

Mrs. Mary Cotter, who shot and killed her husband, Police Officer Cotter, because of his abusive conduct, was arraigned yesterday by Judge Troutt on a charge of murder and pleaded not guilty.

Don't become constipated. Take Beecham's Pills.

FASHIONS AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

There Is Very Little That Is New or Startling Just Now.

The Nearest Approach to Novelty Is the Coming In of Beautiful Irish Poplins. Empire Gowns for Evening Wear.

Special to THE SUNDAY CALL.

In writing just now one suffers the embarrassment of riches, albeit there is very little that is new or startling to be chronicled of women's gear proper. Modiste milliner tailors tell the same old story of the princess gown, the three-quarter cape or coat—free bands, low hats, high bows, very small bonnets, rosettes, beads and feathers. The highest authorities unite in saying that the nearest approach to novelty is the coming in of the beautiful Irish poplins, and the wearing of cloth gowns as full dress evening toilets. Stranger yet, some of them are trimmed with fur and lace—two or three narrow bands above a flounce. A mighty swagger girl appeared at a reception the other night in a master cloth gown, cut princess and lapped to the left and buttoning all the way from the left hip down. The lap was edged with a narrow roll of natural beaver, and two bands of the same

Two theater waists.

New designs in hair-dressing.

fur beaded the ten-inch flounce of rich coffee-colored lace, that ran all around the demi-trained skirt. The glove-fitted waist was exquisitely plain, except for a high collar for the fur with a torrent of lace inside, foaming up about the wearer's long white throat. She is one of those fortunate women, "divinely tall." On this occasion she was especially fortunate. Fate set her at the elbow of Mrs. Paran Stevens in a ravishing red toilet that threw out and emphasized the other's pale, soft hues.

Not far away from the two, a statuesque blonde with the palest golden hair and an apple blossom complexion, fitted adorably into her environment of palms and roses. Her gown was of green satin, pale but rich. Down the front of the skirt a little to one side ran a trail of big blazy poppies in scarlet velvet applique upon the satin, with deep green leaves and stems and golden hearts. Over this fell a velling of the finest plain black and simply hemmed at foot, and very full over the trained plain black breadths. The waist of green satin had coat tails in the back and a bow of wide black velvet with ends reaching quite to the floor set at top of the low corsage quite between the shoulders. From under it a loose drapery of the net was drawn under the arm to the middle of the front and caught in place there with a half wreath of poppies as red but not so big by half as those upon the skirt.

For evening the empire gown gains steadily. There are gowns and gowns, though. Of nine that I saw last night one was superb—and more than superbly worn, two decently passable, five distinctly dandy and one "most tolerable and not to be endured." The wearer had attempted to combine empire and Grecian garments, and the result was such as to appall gods and men.

Hair-dressing, even more than garments, recalls the epoch of Josephine and Recamier and Tallien. The variety of styles is great enough to suit all faces, but in all the newer ones the hair is waved all over the head and drawn high to the crown. The bang is worn very light—a mere frieze of soft curls. Back of it came either pompadour rolls, puffs or waved hair massed betwixt the forehead and the terminal apex and held in place with fancy pins, ropes of milk pearl or Lucian fillets of tortoise shell enriched with gold silver. In fact ornaments were rarely ever so much worn in the hair. Their name is legion, their shape as varied as their uses. The illustrations show the trend of fashions in hair-dressing which each beholder can adapt to her own taste or features or fancy.

If you have a fine feeling for napery the linen stores just now will make you wish for the purse of Fortunatus. There are the most exquisite things—center cloths edged about with cut work half a yard deep, fine sheen doylexs wrought with spider webs and violets and clover blossoms in white silk or wash gold. Rich white damask, too, the pattern outlined with gold thread, cheese cloth fruit napkins, all in shining white with delicate patterns of flower and leaf. Truly it is possible to look upon dining as a fine art. A great novelty is the gold lace ware used for cracker-boats, fruit-dishes and so on. It is of gold filigree as fine and shiny and variegated as real lace. Inside the gold comes a movable dish of plain, clear glass, to which the gold is accurately fitted. The handsomest and costliest table glass is pure white flint glass cut to a plain surface and overlaid with golden flowers, leaves and scrolls. The flower-holders, like those pictured, are set sparingly about and filled, not crowded, with big, long-stemmed flowers—oftener than not American beauty roses three feet from tip to tip.

Sometimes the holder is all glass. Sometimes it rises out of a golden base, upheld by golden arms. Sometimes, too, it is of the richest Venetian red. In all forms it costs a pretty pretty penny and has been bought several thousand times over for fortune's spoiled and favorite children.

The thing of all others though that I most did covet was a loving cup of clear glass, with three gold handles and golden scrolls on its three sides. Next to it I rank a dear delightful china thimble, thin as an egg-shell, daintily tinted, yet warranted to serve you well if only you do not let it fall and break. Much finer, but not half so full of homely pleasure, is the intaglioware, now just introduced. It is a fine pale cream tint, finished without glaze. The figures are carved before it is baked and are wonderfully spirited and graceful. Their creator, a young woman with gifted finger tips, is thought to have a fortune in them.

The blouses are—blouses warranted new and fashionable. No room to say more while Christmas things abound.

ELLEN OSBORN.

Laguna Survey Lands.

The offer was made yesterday to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors by J. C. Bates, representing E. W. Burr, that if the city would construct an outlet for the sewer draining the Laguna survey he would deed the necessary land and would withdraw all opposition to opening Green, Union, Filbert and Greenwich streets. Mr. Bates said that the sewer would cost $14,000. The committee favored the proposition, and referred it to the City and County Attorney for his opinion as to the power of the board to act.

LITERATURE.

SIBERIA AND THE EXILE SYSTEM—By George Kennan. (New York: The Century Company. Cloth, two volumes.) After the course of remarkably interesting lectures recently delivered in this city by Mr. George Kennan, the world renowned traveler and writer, his comprehensive book, entitled "Siberia and the Exile System," will be taken up with a sharpened appetite by the reading public.

These two volumes are made up of the articles by this writer which have appeared in the Century Magazine, and to those who are familiar with them it will be an added satisfaction to have them in bound volumes. Situated as we are under the liberality of American institutions, the many accounts which have appeared in print from time to time depicting the horrors of the Siberian exile system have seemed distorted and wildly exaggerated, but Mr. Kennan's masterly treatment of the subject to which he devoted years of close attention leaves us no alternative, and we must accept as truth what he has written, and at the same time acknowledge that he knew of what he was writing. Indeed, when one considers the vast amount of facts and knowledge at his disposal it is a matter of wonderment that he could have gotten it all in the limited space in which it is presented.

Mr. Kennan's pen pictures are so intensely vivid that the sufferings of the exiled people are brought sufficiently near to cause a shudder. The sufferers are not of the lower class, but in the majority of cases are people of position, wealth, education and refinement. Their punishment comes not as a result of a blind struggle against a tyrannical government, but because of real or fancied opposition to the entire failure of the ends of justice and to the operations of a misgovernment which admits of no amelioration of the terrible condition of the lower classes. This gives to the subject a fresh horror, and places us at once in closer sympathy with this class of political prisoners.

The several parties existing in Russia Mr. Kennan treats with great thoroughness, and of the courage, endurance and nobility of even the more dangerous element he writes in terms of praise.

The work abounds in interesting anecdotes of personal adventure while engaged in his investigations, and, taken in its entirety, it cannot fail to interest and instruct even the most casual reader. Offered by A. M. Robertson, Post street.

THE LATER POEMS OF ANNA MORRISON REED—(San Francisco: Stuart & Co. Cloth, 55 pp., $1.) In a neat and handsomely bound little volume of 55 pages are presented thirty-one of the later poems from the pen of Mrs. Anna Morrison Reed of Laytonville, Mendocino County, a lady whose writings have won for her the admiration not only of friends but of strangers, who have been drawn to her by the beautiful sentiments she has at various times so eloquently expressed in choice verse. This collection is one that every lover of poetry will feel a delight in possessing, for the writings of this lady are so full of tenderness and contain such a degree of feeling that they demonstrate that the heart of the writer as well as the brain is in each composition. This is notably the case in "Her King," "Death of General Grant" and "Mother, a Reverie." In this volume there is also "Ode to Progress," a poem for which Mrs. Reed was awarded, over a large number of competitors, a handsome gold medal by the Agricultural Association of Lake and Mendocino counties, and a charming poem dedicated to the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Mrs. Reed's poetry is remarkable for elegance and purity, and it is of that class that is read by the masses and finds a response in warm, sympathetic hearts. It is a splendid volume for a gift book, and deserves the encouragement of those who feel a pride in fostering the efforts of California's literary workers. Offered at the bookstores.

SONGS OF DOUBT AND DREAM—By Edgar Fawcett. (New York, London and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls. 8vo., cloth, gilt top, 311 pp., $2.) Those who have read "Fantasy and Passion," "Song and Story" and "Romance and Revery," the previously published books of poems from the pen of Mr. Fawcett, will welcome as an addition to the collection this latest volume. While it is less uniformly picturesque in treatment than either of the previous volumes, it is certainly more thoughtful and philosophic. Mr. Fawcett, who may be classed among the advanced writers of the times, recognizes the fact that strongly human interest is requisite nowadays as an element of all modern poetry. Moonbeams and daffodils are not enough for this earnest, eager and strongly intellectual period. It is his these, if you will, but it wants them as backgrounds only. Mr. Fawcett gives a fair supply of moonbeams and daffodils, and at the same time gives vital studies of men and women as well. The intensely dramatic poem, "How a Queen Loved," is nothing if not human and passionate. Its chief source of attraction, like that of many of the poems in this collection, is the concern it shows with human frailties, impulses and characteristics. The whole book is radical and certainly daring, but its skepticisms are never flippant and its range of thought is so much wider than that of the ordinary current book of poems as to make such difference almost absurdly striking. Those who believe that modern poetry should be namby-pamby and all sweetness will not derive pleasure from a reading of Mr. Fawcett's new book, but those who believe that the poetry of to-day should grasp fresh and living problems, and fling over them the glamour of skilled and pictorial literary treatment, will be sure to find a rare relish in the perusal of this book.

THE FLYING ISLANDS OF THE NIGHT—By James Whitcomb Riley. (Indianapolis, Ind.: The Bowen-Merrill Company. White leatherette cover, gilt top, 88 pp.) There are but few poets of the present time who have gained a stronger hold on the reading portion of the people—and by this is meant those who can appreciate good literature—than the Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley. Those who have been interested in his previous writings will take a special delight in reading "The Flying Islands of the Night." It is a weird and grotesque drama in verse. In this the author displays his peculiar genius with a force and a continuity not intimated in any previous work. This may be said to be the most remarkably quaint work that he has ever produced, and in it he displays an extraordinary spirit of ingenuity and a most wonderful imagination. The plot and argument are radically different from any known drama. A critic well known for his literary judgment, after reading the advance sheets, said, "We may very safely doubt if this most strange and beautiful creation has any parallel in the range of purely fanciful and idealistic verse."

THE STORY OF OUR CONTINENT—By N. S. Shaler. (Boston: Ginn & Co. Cloth, 290 pp.) This work is from the pen of the Professor of Geology in Harvard College, and both in the subject-matter and arrangement it departs widely from the ordinary text-books which give an account of North America. The work, which has been prepared with great care, is intended to be used as a reader in the grammar classes of the schools, in conjunction with some geography which treats in a thorough way the facts of a political and economic nature. The geographies of the present day give the student a vast amount of detailed information concerning the existing state of the country, but with little or no reference to the steps by which the land came to its present state. The aim of this work is to present only those features which can be shown in their relation to the geological development of the continent. It is a very useful book for students and will no doubt be appreciated by them, as well as by teachers. In this book the author sets forth why the continent of North America is suited to the home of English-speaking people.

AN OLD SWEETHEART OF MINE—By James Whitcomb Riley. (Indianapolis, Ind.: The Bowen-Merrill Company. Flat quarto, combination cloth and gilt, $2 50.) The thousands of admirers of this poet who have read his exquisite poem in which he writes:

As one who cons at evening o'er an album all alone,
And muses on the faces of the friends that he has known,
So I turn the leaves of fancy till, in shadowy design,
I find the smiling features of an old sweetheart of mine,

will find this volume one of the most beautiful that have been issued this season. It is printed on heavy board, very wide text to a page, and with each verse there is a very pretty illustration either in imitation water colors or in mono tint. Of the poem itself, so much has been said commendatory of it that it is needless to add one now at this time except to say that it is one of those productions that may be read time and again, and always with a feeling of satisfaction. In this volume is found a splendid gift for the holidays.

AFLOAT AND ASHORE—By Edward Everett Hale. (Chicago: Searle & Gorton. Booklet, white cover and gilt top, 40c.) "Afloat and Ashore" is one of a series of booklets that are being published by the firm named, and this one, which belongs to the Patriot Series, is from the pen of the celebrated writer, Edward Everett Hale. It is a charming story of a Marblehead boy who during the early days of the revolution enlisted in the American Navy, and was of much service to the cause of Liberty. It carries with it a good moral, and is a book that boys can read with pleasure and profit.

Mr. Albert Ross, the well-known novelist, is now in Spain, making the grand tour of the country so neglected by that class known as the travelers who want to do the Continent in a month. In the early part of the new year he will visit Morocco and Algeria. Before he went away he left with his publisher, Mr. G. W. Dillingham of New York, the manuscript of a new novel which will appear in January under the title of "The Garston Bigamy." The scene is laid principally in the State of Iowa, and the story is said to be no less interesting than the other brilliant books by this author.

Magazine and Other Notes.

In the absence of any Governmental or concentrated effort, the publishers of "The Cosmopolitan Magazine" have determined to attempt the solution of the problem of aerial navigation. Under their direction a number of experiments with that end in view will be made. Edison, when spoken to on the subject, said, "The matter is of such great interest to the public that I freely give my services without pay, and the use of my laboratory, too, if you need it for experiments." No patents will be applied for, and if the work is a success the result will belong to the public. The publishers offer $500 in prizes for three essays on such navigation: First, $250 for the most valuable paper suggesting the best methods of accomplishing the navigation of the air; second, $100 for the second most valuable essay on the same subject; third, $150 for the best paper on the result which successful aerial navigation would have upon the moral and material interests of the world; the papers to be in the possession of the "Cosmopolitan" before February 1, 1892.

The Secretary of the Interior, in his recent report, recognizes the work of a modern magazine in the following language:

Your attention is also requested to the paper contributed by Mr. John Muir to the number of "The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine" for November, 1891, entitled "A Rival of the Yosemite—the Canyon of the South Fork of Kings River, California." It furnishes maps of this section and is illustrated by most admirable engravings of the wonderful scenery there existing. The engravings are chiefly from the pencil of Mr. Charles D. Robinson. These gentlemen, as well as the editors of "The Century," especially Mr. Johnson, have taken a great personal interest in the forest reserve in California, and are worthy of great consideration, both from their experience and intelligence. The magazine article mentioned advocates the extension of the Sequoia National Park so as to embrace the Kings River region and the Kaweah and Tule Sequoia groves. The boundaries are there set forth. The subject is recommended to your favorable consideration and action.

The "Home Journal," over the destinies of which the late N. P. Willis presided so ably for so many years, is now in the forty-seventh year of its publication. It is now, as it has been in the past, a society journal in the full sense of that term, being governed by a proper reserve in its reports of social doings, and devoting the larger part of its space to the publication of choice literary matter, the guiding objective of which is the cultivation of a well-rounded, gracious humanity. The various departments are carefully watched and everything that appears in that journal bears evidence of careful editing. The "Journal" is one that addresses itself to cultivated people; one that is welcomed in the home circle wherever the art of a gracious and refined life is studied and practiced.

The January number of "The California Illustrated Magazine" is out, and it is a splendid one, both as to text and illustrations. This new magazine is one that is the equal of some of the large Eastern ones. The frontispiece shows an incident in cross-country riding in California in mid-winter, drawn by the illustrator of Captain King's novels. Among the prominent sketches may be