

A PARISIAN HOME.

Mansion of the Princess Brancovan.

RICH AND RARE FURNISHINGS

Marvelous Eighteenth Century Tapestry - The Picture Gallery.

The Princess Basaraba de Brancovan has recommenced the Sunday breakfasts so popular during the lifetime of her husband.

As I have said, the home of the Princess is in the Avenue Hoche, between the Parc Monceau and the Champs Elysees.

A panel of this room is devoted to a marvelous tapestry of the eighteenth century, "Toilette de Venus," after Boucher.

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ALAMO SQUARE SAVED. "The Call's" Suggestions Accepted by City Authorities.

About two weeks ago THE CALL directed the attention of the Supervisors and Street Department to the shameful neglect of Alamo square, on Hayes-street hill.

The city had expended about \$25,000 in cutting down the rocky hillsides and grading them to level.

On the four sides—that is on Steiner, Scott, Grove and Hayes streets—the soft soil had washed down over sidewalks, and was carried in different places clear across the streets.

The Call's information, when learned by the city authorities, led them to examine Alamo square, in which \$25,000 had been invested already.

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DRY GOODS.

GREAT SALE OF AUCTION GOODS THIS WEEK. HOTEL AND LODGING-HOUSE KEEPERS WILL FIND THIS SALE ESPECIALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO THEM.

THIRD WEEK OF THE GREAT WINTER CLEARANCE SALE! AND AVOID THE RUSH!

Auction Domestic.

- BEDSPREADS. 5 cases 9-4 SHEETING, same weight, count and finish as Atlantic, first class and very cheap. 20c Yard

MUSLINS.

- 4-4 BLEACHED MUSLIN has been reduced from 55c a yard to 5c

NEW YORK TWILLED MUSLIN.

- bleached, and a full yard wide; reduced to 10c Yard

150 dozen PILLOW-CASES.

- well made, of good muslin; sizes are 12 1/2 x 20; sale price, 7c

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Dress Stuffs

- SATIN STRIPE FANCY CHEVIOT, reduced from \$9.45 a suit to \$5.25

FRENCH CHEVRON.

- two-toned effect, reduced from \$12.25 a suit to \$7.00

TWO-TONED FANCY CHEVRON.

- reduced from \$10.50 a suit to \$7.00

BLACK MOHAIR JACQUARD.

- 42 inches wide, extra heavy quality, reduced from \$1.00 to \$1.00

BLACK SATIN DIAGONAL AND PLAIN.

- 42 inches wide, was a \$1.00

Underwear at Special Prices.

- LADIES' MUSLIN GOWN, tucked neck and long sleeves, trimmed with lace, value \$1.25 each, sale price, 75c

LADIES' MUSLIN DRAWERS.

- tucked, hemstitched and embroidered trimmings, value 75c pair, sale price, 45c

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LADIES' SANITARY VESTS AND DRAWERS.

- all wool, value \$1.25 each, sale price, 79c

CHILDREN'S GREAT WOOL MIXED VESTS.

- high neck and long sleeves, were 75c each, sale price, 59c

GENTS' NATURAL GRAY AND CAMEL-HAIR SHIRTS AND DRAWERS.

- value \$1 each, sale price, 79c

GENTS' FANCY STRIPED WOOL UNDERWEAR.

- heavy weight, Shirts and Drawers used with actual value \$1 a garment, special at sale price, 65c

LADIES' FANCY STRIPED HOSE.

- high-appliqued heels and double toes, were 25c a pair, now, 19c

CHILDREN'S BLACK COTTON HOSE.

- extra heavy, ribbed, double heels and toes, good value at 25c a pair, 15c

LADIES' EGYPTIAN COTTON VESTS.

- Jersey ribbed, with high collar, 50c each, sale price, 29c

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Miscellaneous.

- WRITING PAPER, 24 sheets of satin finished paper, with envelopes to match, worth 25c, 10c A Box

SILK WINDSOR TIES.

- 12 different solid colors, a value at 25c each, on sale at half price, 12 1/2c Each

FEATHER BOAS.

- The few remaining have been marked below cost to close them out. Price them when you come this week, Cost

LADIES' GLOVES.

- 4-button lengths, dressed kid, tans, browns and black, value \$1 a pair, on sale at, 55c Fair

SILK BEAVER TRIMMINGS.

- The entire remaining stock of these trimmings have been greatly reduced in price to close them out, Cost Less

SOLID COLOR SILK BRAID.

- Cashmere color, mixed with silk, value 25c a yard, sale price, 10c Yard

LINSE THREAD GLOVES.

- with a finish resembling Shetland gloves, both to the touch and eye, worth at least 25c a pair, 15c Fair

EMBROIDERIES.

- The large assortment of Embroideries, in lots, is still complete. Now is the opportunity for making undergarments for Spring. Prices are now 30c, 50c, 75c, 100c, 125c, 150c, 200c and 50c a yard.

To-morrow begins the Third Week of our GREAT ANNUAL WINTER CLEARANCE SALE

and still there is no abatement in the interest of the public. First class goods at three-quarters, one-half and in many cases one-third of their real value, is our way of attracting customers and increasing trade.

In connection with the Clearance Sale we will this week offer an immense purchase of Domestic from the great PEREMPTORY TRADE SALE of Bliss, Fabyan & Co., held in New York City on November 22. There were 16,000 packages of Domestic Cotton Goods sold on that occasion at forced prices.

Halobros. INCORPORATED 937, 939 and 941 Market Street, SAN FRANCISCO. FRISCO'S BUSY STORE.

EXTRA SALES PEOPLE ENGAGED FOR THIS WEEK'S GREAT SALE OF AUCTION GOODS.

ILLEGAL FISHING.

Fines for Netting Fish in Russian River.

Result of the Trial Held at Santa Rosa—Silva's Explanatory Letter to "The Call."

For some years past the Russian River, which is one of the finest streams of water adjacent to this city, has been totally barren of salmon or trout, and as a matter of fact the Fish Commissioners investigated the cause for this rather strange state of affairs and were rewarded by the information that the parent fishes which populate the stream were being caught in their run from salt to fresh water by fishermen who had nets stretched at the mouth of the river during the running season, and in such a way as to preclude the fishes from reaching their breeding grounds.

The residents of Sonoma and Marin counties were powerless to check the annual slaughter of fish, as there was no law, either State or local, that protected either steelheads or salmon from being netted in their ascent to the headwaters of the stream.

The Supervisors of Sonoma County were waited upon by resident sportsmen and anglers, who were very emphatic in their language against the capture of steelheads and other edible fishes by fishermen who existed principally on the money they derived during the winter season from the capture of fish at the mouth of the Russian River.

Notices to this effect were posted in conspicuous places, but the fishermen laughed at the idea of capture and continued to fish just the same as usual without evidencing the least fear of arrest.

The Sheriff's Sale Postponed. The Sheriff's sale of Sozini's V. C. Bazzars, which was to have taken place yesterday, was postponed until to-morrow.

WORTH A GUINEA A BOX. BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS.

Such as Sick Headache, Weak Stomach, Impaired Digestion, Constipation, Liver Complaint, and Female Ailments.

Covered with a Tasteless & Soluble Coating. Of all druggists. Price 25 cents a box. New York Depot, 56 Canal St.

all respectable fishermen here deprecate the act, shot several bullets through his boat while they were fishing.

There is no respectable man or woman here who would pull out on the river bank. Not will be seen that Mr. Wilson, who was probably two or three miles away from the scene of the shooting, was in no danger whatever.

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thing over \$100; to-day there are quite a number of rarities gracing the albums of collectors in this and other countries that have cost in excess of this amount.

Another striking instance was the sale at auction in New York City last month of two stamps—the United States 10-cent green envelope stamp of 1857 on white paper and the same stamp on buff paper—for \$131, which had cost the previous owner but \$35 a year ago.

But the best evidence of the value of stamps as an investment is found in the catalogue now issued each year. What is known as the "Standard" was placed in circulation about the first of the year, and a comparison of some of the prices now quoted therein with those quoted in the edition of two years ago shows most interesting results.

Most important to the collectors of this country are, of course, the stamps of the United States, and there are consequently vastly more of these hoarded as investments than of any other kind.

Beginning with the earlier issue it is found that the 5-cent brown of 1851 has advanced from \$10 to \$20; the 3-cent pink, from \$10 to \$15; the 5-cent yellow, from \$10 to \$15; the 10-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 15-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 20-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 25-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 30-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 35-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 40-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 45-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 50-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 55-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 60-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 65-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 70-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 75-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 80-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 85-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 90-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 95-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15; the 100-cent blue, from \$10 to \$15.

In the department stamps the rise has been phenomenal all along the line, except in those of the War Department. The complete set of agriculture jumped from \$7.25 to \$16.65; executive, from \$18 to \$25; justice, from \$15 to \$24; navy, from \$17 to \$29; 10c, State, excepting the \$5, \$10 and \$20, from \$15 to \$28; treasury, from \$6.25 to \$9.63; war, from \$1.65 to \$2.25.

In this catalogue the celebrated Columbian stamps received for the first time what may be called their authoritative market value, and according to the prices listed, those who have invested in them have no cause to regret their venture. The prices here mentioned are for canceled specimens. The 1c and 2c are priced at 1 cent; the 3c, 4c and 5c at 2 cents; the 6c at 3 cents; the 8c at 4 cents; the 10c at 5 cents; the 15c, 20c and 30c at 6 cents; the \$1 at 10 cents; the \$2 at 15 cents; the \$3 at 20 cents; the \$4 at 25 cents; the \$5 at 30 cents; the \$10 at 60 cents; the \$20 at 120 cents; the \$50 at 250 cents; the \$100 at 500 cents.

Among the most striking changes in the price of foreign stamps is in the 5c of St. Vincent, which went from \$5 to \$17.50. Reference has only been made to the more radical enhancement of value, but that has taken place in the past two years, and there are innumerable instances where stamps have increased from 20 per cent to 50 per cent in the period—of a bad return on an investment of any kind.

There are, however, a few cases where there has been a decline, but they are very few. One of these exceptions concerned the Knollys (Penn.) 5-cent blue on white envelope. A year ago this sold at auction in New York for \$17, and when offered in the same city at auction a month ago it brought but \$8. This is not an entolouge at \$13.08. As the Dole administration has already arranged for a complete new issue, the Provisionals will shortly become obsolete, and a further marked advance in their value may be looked for when the next standard catalogue is issued.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

In the use of mixed gases for lantern purposes the question sometimes arises as to whether coal gas or pure hydrogen is most readily exploded in case of a rise of temperature. An important contribution to our knowledge has recently been made by Professor Victor Meyer.

It was found that with pure hydrogen and oxygen the initial temperature required to cause explosion varied between 612 deg. and 686 deg., no difference being found whether the gases be dry or moist. The presence of platinum foil prevented explosion, quick combustion always took place even when a temperature of 715 deg. was reached. Hydrogen and oxygen used with oxygen it was found that the temperature needed to induce explosion was lower the greater amount of carbon present. Thus the mean temperatures of explosions with methane, ethane and propane were 657 deg., 616 deg. and 647 deg. respectively.

It will thus be seen that whatever the difference may amount to in practice it is a fact that pure hydrogen and oxygen will be more difficult to explode than mixtures of coal gas and oxygen.

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