

**EVEN** the rain does not keep the people away. Those \$5, \$6 and \$7 trousers at **\$3.75** is the magnet that draws the buyers here and cause us to be busier than we ever were before in the month of February.

Have you been in yet? Even if you have no immediate use for them it will pay you to secure a pair or two for future use, for they are just what we claim for them—regular \$5, \$6 and \$7 Trousers, and the price is only **\$3.75** for choice. If you buy a pair and for any cause they don't suit, bring them back and get your money.

**ROBINSON, CHERY & CO.**  
12th and F Sts. CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS, HATS, SHIRTS.

**Marvelous Values!**

We can show greater clothing values just at present than any house in Washington.

All our \$12, \$10, \$8 and \$7 Suits are now **\$5.00.**

All our fine Cassimere, Cheviot and Tweed Trousers worth up to \$5.00 are now **\$1.40.**

**H. FRIEDLANDER & BRO.,**  
Cor. 9th and E Sts. N. W.

**HOUSE & HERRMANN,**  
Removal Reductions.  
Are still in force at the old stores.  
917, 919, 921 and 923 7th St. and 636 Mass. Ave.

**HELPS TO PAY EXPENSES**

**Fee System Suggested for Dispensaries and Hospitals.**

**WORKS WELL ELSEWHERE**

Health Officer Woodward Believes Many Persons Would Be Willing to Pay for Services Now Rendered Without Charge—Hours Should Be Designated for Pay Patients.

Commenting upon the discussion in Congress of the appropriations for charities, and as a suggestion growing out of it, Health Officer Woodward yesterday said to The Times that one solution of a part of the problem, as affecting the dispensaries at least, might be to establish a system of light fees for services rendered persons who do not always find it possible to consult a physician in cases of illness.

Dr. Woodward was particular to state that he was not passing upon the matters brought to the attention of Congress, and that his suggestion was merely the result of the thoughts brought out by the criticisms that had been published of the general system.

It is his idea that very many persons obtain relief at the dispensaries and hospitals through charity, who could afford to pay a small fee for the service. These persons, he believes, will be glad of the permission, through a feeling of independence, to compensate the institution, at least for the medicines dispensed, and in order to increase that sense of independence he thought it would be a good idea to have regular hours set apart for the reception of pay patients.

**FEES NEED NOT BE LARGE.**

The fee, he said, need not be large—not to exceed twenty-five cents for each supply of medicine, to be governed, however, by circumstances; nor need it be entirely obligatory to have it paid immediately. That rule, he thinks, could also be made to fit the circumstances. Ten cents will often meet the expense, and that sum might suffice, and render a second application unnecessary.

One great reason for the multiplication of cases at the dispensaries and free wards in hospitals is believed to be the inability of persons to pay a regular phy-

sician for a prescription, and a drug store for the medicines prescribed, while, as a matter of fact, many persons could afford and would prefer to pay 25 cents, or even 50 cents, and escape the classification as a pauper.

Dr. Woodward named several institutions where the system had been adopted, and found to be a permanent source of revenue, sufficient to meet the entire drug expense of the establishments. The Johns Hopkins Dispensary, in Baltimore, has had the plan in operation for a number of years with pronounced success.

**HOURS FOR THEIR RECEPTION.**

The dedication of certain hours each morning and evening for the pay patients to call, would, he said, be a public notice that those whose attendance within those hours were patron and persons need not object to be seen going and coming from the institution. In addition, it would prevent contact between this better element and those who, from absolute necessity, or otherwise, are not always pleasant objects to contemplate. These last, of course, are the hapless mendicants who rarely strive for the amelioration of their own condition.

One institution named by Dr. Woodward charged often but 5 cents for medicines, rarely more than 10 cents, and the revenues thus derived almost paid for the medicines furnished. Tickets were issued, giving name and number, for identification. If lost, an extra charge of 5 cents was made for a duplicate. This saved the trouble of research, the holder being careful not to lose it, and its presentation serving in lieu of a prescription label.

The patrons of this institution do not always pay cash. Bills amounting to 50 cents are sometimes made, and it seldom happens that the establishment suffers a loss from this source. Persons come in and pay in installments when unable to do better.

J. B. Bursey obtained a permit yesterday for constructing four brick dwellings, at Nos. 54 to 60 N Street southeast, to cost \$4,000.

Oh! What a comfort a mackintosh is.

**URGING A FREE PORT.**

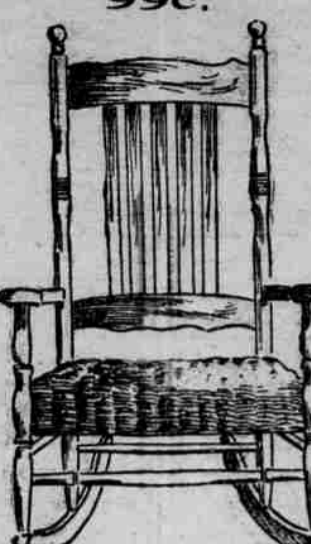
Austin Corbin Appears in Favor of One at Fort Pond Bay.

Senator Chandler and Austin Corbin appeared before the Senate Commerce Committee this morning and advocated a favorable report on the bill for the establishment of a free port at Fort Pond Bay or elsewhere in the waters of Long Island. In a memorial subsequently laid before

**A Wonder!**

We offer this strongly made, full size Rocker at a price that places it within the reach of every home, either in the District. For THURSDAY ONLY the price will be

**99c.**



This Rocker—high back and satin seat ..... 99c  
This rocker cannot be bought in any other store for less than \$1.50.  
CASH OR CREDIT.

**Mayer & Pettit,**  
Reliable Outfitters,  
415 Seventh St. N. W.

**A Slump in Rubbers!**

To reduce stock we'll sell best quality Rubbers

**Friday and Saturday Only!**

40c Ladies' Boys' Misses' or Child's Rubbers at... 25c  
10c Men's Foothold and Sandal Rubbers at... 35c  
75c Men's Glez Rubbers, wide or needle toes, at... 50c  
\$1 Men's Storm and Low Cut Rubbers, any shape, also Men's & Women's Alaska ..... 65c

**Wm. Hahn & Co's**  
**RELIABLE SHOE HOUSES.**  
630-632 7th St. N. W.  
1914-1916 Pa. Ave. N. W.  
233 Pa. Ave. S. E.

**EGGS**  
**11c. Doz.**

**TODAY.**  
Two thousand dozen more of those good fresh eggs for today.

**TODAY.**  
Six cents for a two-pound package of best oats is certainly a bargain. Think of it! You pay 10 and 12 for the same elsewhere.

**TODAY.**  
Levering's and Ar buckle's package coffee at 22 cents for today.

**TODAY.**  
You cannot help but be pleased with those bright, fresh California Evaporated Peaches at 6 cents per pound.

**TODAY.**  
Best Burbank Potatoes are cheap enough to buy when you can get them for the above price. Smoothest and choicest stock on the market, 35 cents.

**TODAY.**  
Cakes at 12 cents per pound and an assortment of any kind—Cocoanut Jumbles, Honey Jumbles, Spice Cakes, Fruit Crackers—is it not cheaper than you can bake them?

**JOHNSTONS,**  
729 7th St.

**Thousands of Shoes Are Being Sacrificed**

We are now in the midst of the greatest Clearing Sale of Shoes that our house has ever known. It is not only a clearing of broken sizes, but a real sacrifice in many of our regular unbroken lines. Such prices as these attract crowds of buyers—in any kind of weather. This slaughter will be stopped—the moment that stock is reduced—you can't afford to wait—come to-day—while your size is here.

**\$1.50** For Choice of \$3, \$4 & \$5 Shoes

**FOR LADIES.**  
We have taken the balance of our regular \$2 and \$3 ladies' shoes and placed them on a separate table—if your size is here you can buy them for..... **98c**

On another table are several lots of our \$3, \$4, and \$5 shoes—all styles—all shapes of toe—your choice..... **\$1.50**

**FOR MEN.**  
One of the greatest surprises of this sale is in the Men's Department—\$4, \$5 and \$6 hand-sewed shoes from our regular stock..... **\$1.98**

Olds and ends gathered from our \$3, \$4 and \$5 grades of men's shoes are being cleared away at **\$1.50**

**"LA TOSCA" AND "LA MASGOTTE" SHOES.**

The ladies know that these Shoes are the pride of our house—that they have never been sold for less than \$3.98 a pair. During this sale they are reduced for the first time to..... **\$2.87**

They are equal to the best \$5 shoes in this city—all sizes—all shapes of toe—made of best Vici Kid—button or laced—hand-sewed. Hurry if you want a pair for \$2.87.

**Family Shoe Store,**  
310-312 Seventh St. N. W. 313 Eighth St.

**35c. Davison's Silver Polish, Now 25c.**  
**15 Per Cent Off All Silver Articles.**

**SILVER-WEEK**

**C. H. DAVISON,**  
JEWELER,  
1105 F Street.

*I can't sell as much as I want to because of the weather.*

**RAIN! RAIN! RAIN!**

And the weather-wise folks at the Observatory predict no less than 30 days more of this clothes-destroying weather. The Rosenthal Rubber Co.—wholesale Mackintosh manufacturers—of Boston, Mass., have opened the fine stores 403-405 Seventh street, where they will dispose of their entire manufactured stock of Fine Ladies' and Men's Mackintoshes at 25 per cent of the regular prices. The goods were all made for this season, but the previous fine weather of this winter left them like dead stock on our hands—now it's too late to wholesale them.

**Every Mackintosh at 25 Per Cent of Regular Price!**

Thousands of Ladies' Mackintoshes at \$1 and up. **Save your clothes from ruin by rain** Thousands of Men's Coats at \$1 and up.

**SALE COMMENCES AT 8 O'CLOCK A. M. SHARP TODAY.**

—NOTE STYLES AND PRICES—

FOR MEN.		FOR LADIES.	
<b>Gentlemen's Rubber Gum Coats.</b> Some with velvet collars and satin lined. Sizes 34 to 48. Wholesale price, \$3.75. Sale price.....	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>Ladies' Mackintoshes.</b> Latest styles, with long military capes. Wholesale price, \$3.75. Sale price.....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Gents' Double Texture Mackintosh Coats,</b> With long capes. Wholesale price, \$8.00. Sale price.....	<b>2.50</b>	<b>Ladies' High Grade Storm Coats.</b> Made of imported cloth, in black, blue and gray mixture, all wool. Wholesale price, \$5.75. Sale price.....	<b>1.50</b>
<b>Gentlemen's Imported Mackintosh Coats.</b> Made up box style, double breasted, velvet collars, stitched, strapped, cemented. Wholesale price, \$12.50. Sale price.....	<b>3.50</b>	<b>Ladies' Imported Double Textures.</b> Lined throughout with all woolen linings of all colors. Wholesale price, \$13.50. Sale price.....	<b>2.50</b>
<b>Gents' Heavy Storm Coats,</b> With long military cape—lined with all wool material—very handsomely made and finished. Wholesale price, \$20. Sale price.....	<b>5.00</b>	<b>Special attention is called to this very fine lot of Ladies' Imported Two-cape Mackintoshes.</b> Garments all double textures, colors black and blue. Wholesale price, \$18.50. Sale price.....	<b>4.50</b>
<b>Gentlemen's Imported Mackintoshes.</b> Very fine, high grade, latest style, blue black cassimere, tricos and meltons, silk lined sleeves, velvet collars. Wholesale price, \$22.50. Sale price.....	<b>7.50</b>	Children's Rubber and Mackintosh Clothing sold at any price.	

Don't Miss the Opening Chance at 8 o'Clock this A. M. Open Evenings. BE ON TIME!

**ROSENTHAL RUBBER CO., 403-405 7th Street.**