

FRIEDMAN'S

Grand Inventory Sale still on, Take advantage of the Low Prices before the sale ceases, January 11th, Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock.

Furnishings.

50c Shirts, 39c | 50c Mittens, 39c | 50c Caps, 39c
75c Shirts, 60c | 75c Mittens, 60c | \$1.00 Underwear, 75c

Overcoats.

All Overcoats in the House at One-fourth off. Twenty-five per cent. off on all Men's and Boy's Coats.

Suits.

Big Bargains in Suits after our Inventory. Come early and get the Best Selections.

Hats.

Too many Hats compels us to cut prices very heavy. Look at these for winners.
40c Hats 39c | \$1 Hats 80c | \$1.25 Hats 98c
\$1.75 Hats \$1.38 | \$2 Hats \$1.68
\$2.50 Hats \$2.18

Combination Diving.
The Swedes delight in "combination diving" and two men will perform many clever feats together. One of the most grotesque of these is when one man stands upright on the springboard and tightly clasps another man's body round the waist, holding him head downward and putting his own head through the man's legs. When the upright man springs from the board, he throws his legs into the air so that the two men, clasping the other tightly round the waist, turn a somersault, and when they reach the water the man who started upside down arrives feet foremost.

The handspring dive is a very effective specialty of Swedish swimmers. The performer takes off from the diving board with hands in air, feet, turning his body in order to descend feet foremost or somersaulting to arrive head downward. Very graceful also is the back dive, in which the spring is made backward, the body turning toward the springboard. Double somersault dives are made from platforms 30 or 50 feet high, the diver making two turns in the air before entering the water feet foremost.—*Peter-son's Magazine.*

Not the Same Wife.
The old gentleman had returned to the home of his boyhood for the first time in ten years or more and, as on the last occasions, he had written "and wife" after his name on the hotel register. Of course the keeper of the hotel was glad to see him and grasped him warmly by the hand.

"Ain't grown a day older than when you was here last," he said.

"No?" said the old gentleman half inquiringly.

"Not a day," returned the tavern keeper emphatically. "Your wife seems to have changed more'n you."

"Yes?"

"Oh, yes. Leastways she does to me. Looks thinner than when you was here last."

"Indeed?"

"Yes. She ain't near so fleshy as she was, according to my recollection. Seems like she's taller, too, an' her hair don't look just the same to me, an'—"

"And," put in the old gentleman softly, "she's not the same wife, you know?"—*Tit-Bits.*

A Youthful Promoter.
A horseman had an amusing experience near the speedway a few days ago. He called to an idle newsboy to hold his horse while he made a call on a client. On leaving the house he was surprised to see another boy in charge of the horse. So he asked:

"How's this? You are not the boy I left my horse with?"

"No, sir. I just spookilled and bought him of the other boy for 10 cents. He said as how you were only worth a nickel, and I says you were good for a quarter. See?"

The boy got the quarter and went around the corner. Here the first boy was waiting under an open window in the home of the horseman's friend.

"That's the way ter work the swells," said the young promoter to his companion. "If you had staid, he woulder coughed up a dime. The bluff made him exclaim to hand over less than the two bits. You gets 12 cents, and I keep the extra cent for permin' dis scheme. See?"—*New York Times.*

How to Treat a Cook.
"Into no department in life," says Yuan Mei, a Chinese authority on cooking, "should indifference be allowed to creep; into none less than into the domain of cookery. Cooks are but mean fellows, and if a day is passed without either rewarding or punishing them that day is surely marked by negligence or carelessness on their part. If badly cooked food is swallowed in silence, such neglect will speedily become a habit. Still, mere rewards and punishments are of no use. If a dish is good, attention should be called to the why and the wherefore. If bad, an effort should be made to discover the cause of the failure."

A Retiary.
A retiary was the name of a Roman gladiator armed in a peculiar way. He was furnished with a trident and net, with no more covering than a short tunic, and with these implements he endeavored to entangle and dispatch his adversary, who was called a secutor (from sequi, to follow) and was armed with a helmet, a shield and a sword. The name of the first is pronounced as if spelled re-shi-ary, the accent on the first syllable.

Good Heated.
Minnick—I thought you said Scribble was a good hearted fellow.
Sinick—Well?
Minnick—Well, I hinted pretty strongly that I'd like to have a copy of his latest book, but he studiously ignored the request.
Sinick—That's where he proved his kindly nature.—*Exchange.*

Remorse.
Law Notes tells of a trial in which the following remorseful letter appeared in evidence:

Mr. Bidwell:

Dear Sir—This is what I never expect to come to. But it is trouble, and no one to help me out. So I want you to have this young woman married. But now, let me lay top of ground, for the Turkey Buzzards to eat; for I have did wrong.

JOSPH B. GRANTLEY.

His Sympathy Aroused.
She met him at the door, all breathless with excitement.
"John," she cried, "baby's cut a tooth."
"Poor little fellow," he returned commiseratingly. "Is it a bad cut?"—*Chicago Post.*

A Big Shadow.
We are told that the "smallest hair throws a shadow." And so it does. It throws a shadow over your appetite when you find it in your food.—*Exchange.*

Men's heavy 50c working shirt reduced to 25c, at J. T. Webber's, Ionia.

She Started Early.
A martinet of a sergeant deciding to get married, some of his men decided that when the happy event came off it would be a fitting occasion to pay back with interest old scores, especially as their friends decided to keep up the time honored custom of throwing rice and old shoes at the happy couple.

On the eventful day when the happy pair emerged from their quarters they were greeted with a perfect shower of rice and old shoes, but one Tommy had slyly substituted a big pair of regulation Blackers, which he threw with such unerring aim that the missile caught the sergeant just above the eye, inflicting a nasty cut.

Directly the ceremony was over the sergeant immediately went to the hospital to have the wound dressed. The doctor, after examining the swollen and discolored optic, inquired how it was done.

"Well, sir," replied the sergeant, "I got married today, and—"

But was cut short by the doctor (a married man) exclaiming:

"Oh, I see! That explains it; but, by Jove, she's started early!"—*London Answers.*

Value of Diamonds.
As to the value of diamonds, perfectly white stones or decided tints of red, rose, green or blue are most highly prized. Fine cinnamon and salmon or brown, black or yellow stones also are esteemed. If flawless and without tint of any kind, they are termed first water. If they possess a steely blue color, at times almost opalescent, they are called blue white. Such are usually Brazilian stones. Exceptionally perfect stones are termed gems, and for such there is no fixed value, the price depending on the purity and the brilliancy of the stone. The term first water varies in meaning, according to the class of goods carried by the dealer using it.

It is impossible to estimate the value of a diamond by its weight. Color, brilliancy, cut and general perfection of the stone all are to be taken into account. Of two stones, both flawless and weighing ten carats, one may be worth \$200 and the other \$12,000. Exceptional stones often bring special prices. Of color or imperfect stones sell at an average price per carat regardless of size.

How Fortness Monroe Was Built.
The manner of constructing the fort at Old Point Comfort is interesting and throws some light on customs and practices then in vogue. The work was almost wholly done by slaves who were brought to the place by their masters and leased to the engineers in charge. The slave owner received 50 cents a day for each slave, and the government furnished each laborer, as the slave was called, with two suits of working clothes, a pair of shoes, rations, quarters and occasionally a little tobacco. The laborers worked with very little clothes and generally without shoes. They lived in barracks and were subject to a kind of military discipline. The owners were regular in coming in to collect the hire for their slaves, from which we may infer that the "constituted" of those days knew how to appreciate a good thing to a degree worthy of the present generation.—*Leslie's Weekly.*

Care in Making Axes.
An ax is subject to rigid tests before it is pronounced perfect. The steel must be of the required temper, the weight of all axes of the same size must be uniform, all must be round alike and in various other ways conform to an established standard. The inspector who tests the quality of the steel does so by hammering the blade and striking the edge to ascertain whether it be too brittle or not. An ax that breaks during the test is thrown aside to be made over. Before the final use of an ax is in the proper shape it has been heated five times, including the tempering process, and the ax when completed has passed through the hands of about 40 workmen, each of whom has done something toward perfecting it. After passing inspection the axes go to the grinding department and from that to the polishers, who finish them upon emery wheels.

Banished His Banders.
"John," said Mrs. Billus after the caller had gone away, "I wish you wouldn't banish your banders so."
"What do you mean, Maria?" asked Mr. Billus.
"I didn't mind your telling her that you were ten years older than I, but you followed it up in minute later by letting it slip out that you were 52!"—*Chicago Tribune.*

The Bandier's Name.
Poppers—No; we won't christened the baby yet. My wife wants to give him a fancy name of a book, but I won't have it.
Ascum—Why not?
Poppers—Because she'd grow up to be homely as blue-eyed and tough as nails. I never knew it to fail.—*Philadelphia Press.*

Willie's Idea.
"Isn't it awful how little Mr. Henpeck is now?" remarked Mrs. Gable to her husband. "And he used to be so stout."
"Perhaps," chimed in little Willie, remembering his trouble with his bicycle tires—"perhaps his wife forgets to blow him up regular, like you said sheuster."
Philadelphia Press.

Genuine Monteyns. \$20.00 overcoats reduced to \$15.00 at J. T. Webber's.

First Silver Wedding.
According to a historian, this is the way the first silver wedding came about. It was in the time of Hughes Caput. Two of his most faithful servants, a man and a woman, had grown gray in his employ. How could he reward them?

Calling the woman, he said: "Your service is great, greater than the man's, whose service is great enough, for the woman always finds work harder than a man, and therefore I will give you a reward. At your age I know of none better than a dowry and a husband. The dowry is here. This farm from this time forth belongs to you. If this man who has worked with you for five and twenty years is willing to marry you, then the husband is ready."

"Your majesty," said the old peasant, "how is it possible that we should marry, having already silver hair?"

"Then it shall be a silver wedding." And the king gave the couple silver enough to keep them in plenty.

Such was the origin of the silver wedding, a custom which, spreading all through France, subsequently became known to the world.

Points on a Lobster.
A lobster is found in the water, but not always—in fact, some of the most successful lobsters that ever lobstered were born and raised on dry land.

One can usually tell a lobster by its actions. For instance, if a young man enters a crowded drawing room and walks all over the feet of the assembled guests without their consent or approval the young man at once becomes a lobster.

The fathers of lobsters usually have money. In fact, it is difficult to be a real stand up and fall down lobster unless the lobster's father has money.

It is an odd fact that many girls seem to admire lobsters. It would seem that a girl ought to know better, but she doesn't until she marries a lobster. Then she tumbles.

Lobsters have no brains. If you don't believe it, split a lobster's head open with an ax if you don't care anything about the ax.

This world would be a much more desirable abiding place if there were no lobsters in it.—*Ohio State Journal.*

Hodge, the Single Minded.
An election petition was being tried, and a witness was called to prove "bribery."

"One of the gentlemen says to me, 'Hodge, you must vote for the Tories,'" said the witness.

"And what did you answer to that?" asked the counsel.

"Well," says I, "How much?"

"And what did the agent say?"

"He didn't say nothing. The other gentleman comes to me and says, 'You must vote for the Liberals, Hodge.'"

"And what did you answer?"

"I said, 'How much?' So he arst me what 'other gentleman offered me, and I told him 5 shillings."

"And what did the Liberal agent do?"

"He gave me 10 shillings."

Counsel sits down triumphant, and up starts the other side.

"Did you vote for the Liberals?"

"No."

"Did you vote for the Tories?"

"No. I ain't got a vote!"—*Spare Moments.*

Restoring the Polish.
Says a housekeeper: "My piano, which had been covered with a cambric cover, was loaded with dust that had sifted through the sleazy cloth. The dust was too thick to be wiped off. It should have been blown and lightly whisked off first, but this my maid did not do, and in consequence the grime was wiped in for all I know with a damp cloth. At all events the highly polished surface was clouded over almost to a gray, and I was in despair until a friend suggested a remedy. She advised me to wring as dry as I could a piece of chamols from out a basin of water and rub the piano until the chamols was bone dry. This I have done and completely restored the polish."

How Pepper is Prepared.
The pepper plant is propagated by cuttings, comes into bearing three or four years after it is set and yields two crops annually for about 12 years. When a few of the berries change from green to red, all of them are gathered, because if they were allowed to ripen any longer they would be less pungent. To fit them for market they are dried, separated by rubbing with the hands and cleaned by winnowing. The black pepper of commerce consists of the berries thus prepared.

The Right Handling of Books.
A book should not be bent back till the binding is cracked and loosened nor laid face downward on a chair or table nor left out over night in the rain, nor should its leaves be turned down to mark the place. Cultivate a good memory as to the page where you leave off and be independent of external aids.—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

In a Vicious Circle.
"I wonder what makes a man's hair fall out so fast when it once starts?"

"Worry! Nothing tends to make a man bald so much as worry, and nothing worries a man so much as the idea that he is becoming bald."—*London King.*

Had Heard Them All.
Mrs. Hennepeck (in the midst of her reading)—Here is an item which says that there are more than 250,000 words in the English language.
Mr. Hennepeck—Yes, my dear; so I've heard.—*Puck.*

Tasmania is 4,000 miles less in area than Ireland. The names of its 18 counties are almost all taken from English counties.

Fish has very high food value. In fact, it is very nearly as nutritious as chicken or turkey.

A man must fall at least once to learn how to succeed.

The Pains of Kidney Disease

Warn You Against the Most Dreadfully Fatal of Disorders. You Can be Cured by Promptly Using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Pain is nature's signal whereby she warns man of approaching danger. Few diseases are so dreadfully fatal as disorders of the kidneys and few are accompanied by more severe pains and discomforts.

One of the most common symptoms of kidney disease is the smarting, scalding sensation when passing water which is likely to come very frequently and at inconvenient times. Then there is the dull, heavy aching in the small of the back and down the limbs.

When these pains are accompanied by deposits in the urine after it has stood for twenty-four hours you may be sure that you are a victim of kidney disease and should not lose a single day in securing the world's greatest kidney cure—Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Take one pill at a dose, and in a surprisingly short time you will be far on the road to recovery, for Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills act directly and promptly on the kidneys, and are certain to prove of great benefit to any one suffering from irregularities of those organs.

See that you get the genuine, with portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase.

Don't imagine that you are experimenting when you use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They are almost as well known as his great Recipe Book, have made some of the most surprising cures of kidney disease on record and have come to be considered the only absolute cure for kidney disease.

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"Soon after going on the road I began to be troubled by severe pains in my back accompanied by such terrible weakness that I was obliged to stop work for days at a time.

"Hearing of the good results obtained by using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills I gave them a trial. They helped me almost immediately, and now I can truthfully say that I am as well as any man, thanks to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box at all dealers or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Will You Build

Or Make Any Changes In Your Buildings?

If you intend doing so you certainly will be interested in knowing that I have opened a new lumber yard in Belding.

Building Material of all Kinds for Houses or Barns SHINGLES AND LATH SPECIALTIES.

It's for YOUR interests to get my prices. Spencer & Hill's old location on north side.

E. L. KENDALL.

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STRICTLY CASH BEGINNING JAN. 1.

This problem may seem difficult for some to solve. Why send away for goods when you can buy cheaper at home? We aim to sell for cash and cheaper than any store in the county.

- 20 lb Granulated Sugar.....\$1.00
- 3 Cans Best Corn..... 25
- 3 Cans Leader Milk..... 25
- 2 Pkg. Shredded Wheat..... 25
- 2 Pkg. Malta Vita..... 25
- 1 Gal. Kerosene Oil..... 10
- 5 Gal. Kerosene Oil..... 45
- Try Royal Tiger Coffee, Best in the city for 20, 25, 30, 35c per lb.
- Beech and Maple Wood per cord, \$2.25

CASH AND ONE PRICE ONLY!

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For Ten Dollars

You may take your choice of any \$12.00 or \$13.50 Suits, and for \$11.50 you may take your choice of any \$15.00 Fancy Worst- ed or Cassimere Suit in our stock, and for \$13.50 you may take your choice of any \$18.00 Suit. In addition to this big discount we will give trading stamps with each purchase. This sale is for spot cash, and close Saturday, January 18th,

J. T. WEBBER.

IONIA, MICHIGAN.

FRIEDMAN'S

CASH AND ONE PRICE CLOTHING STORE.

GRAB SALE

THIS will be a fitting climax of our January Clearance Sale which closes next Saturday. It will mean a big loss for us, but it will be a pleasant one. It will be a bit of sensational extravagance, but the extravagance will be on the seller, not the buyer.

In any jewelry store odds and ends accumulate. Holiday bargains "hold overs" on our hands—broken sets of knives, spoons and spoons; tea sets, odd pieces from manicure sets, in silver and ebony. Lots of jewelry items and many other things. Such things never look well on the invoice sheet, hence the "Grab Sale."

What Is a Grab Sale?

We have selected from our stock 500 articles ranging in value from \$10.00 to 25 cents—100 worth less than the latter price. These articles, as above suggested, are selections from every department in the store. To add still more attractiveness to the Sale, we have added some really fine pieces in mantle clocks, watches and small diamond rings, etc.

These articles are all wrapped in packages, and will be thrown in our window on Saturday morning before the sale opens. Be on hand early and make your grab from the entire 500 articles and the price will be a quarter—25 cents a grab—four Grabs one dollar.

GRAB SALE

Saturday, Jan. 11th.

Opens at 10 o'clock in the Morning.

25 Cents

A GRAB.

Our Guarantee:

No package in our window will contain any article worth less than 25 cents—the majority will hold goods worth over one dollar—some packages will hold goods worth from \$10.00 to \$5.00. Every package will contain some article of value taken from our regular stock. As these packages are all of one size large pieces will be delivered from orders found in them.

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