

CUT PRICES THIS WEEK TO INDUCE EARLY BUYING.



Rockers.

Everybody likes a comfortable Rocker, so what could make a more acceptable gift? We have a remarkably pretty collection in golden oak, weathered oak and mahogany. Choose from all of them at reduced prices this week.

Large Oak or Mahogany-finish Rockers, with seat and head rests upholstered in genuine Pat-tasote leather; high backs and comfortable arms; \$3.00 values. Special price this week..... **\$1.95**

Morris Chairs.

Our line of Morris Chairs is the most complete you will find in the city, and the prices are far below what equal values sell for anywhere else. Get your order in early, while you can pick from the full selection. Special prices this week.

Handsome Oak and Mahogany-finish Morris Chairs, substantially built and well finished; good reversible velvet or good re-versible velour. Special price this week..... **\$4.85**

Desks.

Writing Desks are always popular as Christmas gifts, and nowhere will you find a larger or more fascinating assortment than we are showing. Our prices are a great deal lower than you can get anywhere else, and all are especially reduced for this week.

We offer special this week a Solid Oak Writing Desk, with drawer and under-shelf, well made and properly pigeon-holed; a truly remarkable bargain **\$3.85** for.....

Parlor Chairs.

Our beautiful line of Parlor Furniture is the admiration of all who see it. We have 3 and 5-piece suites at all prices, and hundreds of pretty separate chairs, settees and corner chairs in all sorts of designs and at all sorts of prices. A pretty piece for the parlor would make a very dainty gift, and we will sell you this week a beautifully made and upholstered Parlor Chair for as low **\$4.85** as.....



Rugs.

We carry all sizes and all the good makes in Rugs, and our prices on them are just as low as our furniture prices.

Special for this week: A very fine French Wilton Room-size Rug, 9x12, in very beautiful patterns and colorings; \$45 value..... **\$37.50**

Parlor Cabinets.

We are showing Bric-a-brac and Curio Cabinets in great variety—beautiful designs that are an ornament in themselves, as well as showing to advantage whatever you put on or in them. Our prices are a great deal lower than you can get anywhere else, and we are going to try to induce you to buy this week by cutting prices to almost cost. We offer rich Parlor Cabinets for as **\$6.75** low as.....

Plate Racks.

For small cost what could give more pleasure than a Plate Rack? We show a very large assortment.

Special for this week: A finely made and very pretty Plate Rack, in golden or weathered oak. Regular price, 75c..... **50c.**

Lace Curtains.

Always useful, and a sensible gift. We are showing the newest and prettiest effects in all makes, and shall sell this week good-looking Lace Curtains for as low as, pair..... **49c.**

Brass Beds.

We make a specialty of Metal Beds, and nowhere will you find a larger or better assortment. We have cut prices for this week to the lowest notch.

We offer a very handsome All-Brass Bed, with best quality lacquer and heavy cast-iron posts. Special this week for..... **\$19.85**



THE HOME BEAUTIFUL



Toilet Tables.

A Toilet Table makes a gift that delights any lady, and we have a superb assortment for you to select from.

Very pretty Toilet Tables, in polished quartered oak or mahogany finish, with shaped French plate mirror, large drawers and French legs. Special this week at..... **\$12.85**

Chiffoniers.

Always useful, and thus always popular. We have a very large line, and our prices are unassailable.

We offer special this week a very fine highly polished quartered Oak Chiffonier, with well fronted oval mirror, for only..... **\$16.50**



Nothing in the wide world is so suitable or sensible for holiday gifts as fine furniture or other homefurnishings, and nowhere will you find a collection to equal ours. We have always done an immense Christmas business and we have bought a bigger stock of holiday goods than ever this year. As we are always so rushed during the week before Christmas that it is impossible for us to wait on people with anything like proper attention we have decided to offer

Reduced Prices on All Holiday Goods This Week

To encourage early buying. These special prices will be in force during this entire week and this week only. They are cut to within a hair's breadth of the actual cost of the goods, so you will readily see the economy of buying this week as well as the advisability of choosing from an unbroken selection. If you are not quite ready to buy outright yet, we will reserve any article you wish upon payment of a small deposit. We have made special arrangements for deliveries and will send your purchases whatever day you wish. Be wise and make your selection this week.

Princess Dressers.

Many new and beautiful patterns in oak, mahogany, maple, etc., at prices that no one else cares to equal.

Very beautiful, highly polished Princess Dressers, in mahogany, bird's-eye maple or quartered oak. Special this week at..... **\$21.50**

Shaving Stands

A splendid gift for a man! We have many styles at many prices, in oak, mahogany and mahogany finish.

We offer special this week an excellent Shaving Stand in oak or mahogany finish. A regular \$12.85 value for..... **\$9.90**

Music Cabinets

We have a large line of Music Cabinets, in all the newest and prettiest styles, at exceedingly low prices.

An excellent Mahogany-finish Music Cabinet, with door; well made and good finish; will pay \$6.50 or \$7 for it anywhere else. Special this week for..... **\$4.85**

Buffets.

A Buffet would make a handsome present, and you can buy one here this week for little money. Our line is very extensive and well assorted.

We offer special this week a very pretty small Buffet, in highly polished quartered oak, with pattern plate French mirror, for..... **\$19.85**

AMONG THE CLUBS

The Capitol Hill History Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Briggs, 622 C street northeast. Twenty members were present. Papers on the history, resources and industries of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota were read by Mrs. Welden, Mrs. Condra and Mrs. Bare.

Mrs. McLaughlin read a Christmas poem by Will Carleton, selected by the author to be read before this club.

Mrs. Roberts gave an interesting paper on "Salt." Roll call was responded to by quotations from "Hawatha." The club will meet with Mrs. Meyer, 610 8th street northeast, December 20.

The "Wagner-Abend," given by the German-American Verein (Social Literary Club) at the home of Miss Anita Schade last Thursday evening was regarded as quite a success. Mr. Frank Claudy's beautiful lecture on "Der Ring der Nibelungen" was listened to by a large and appreciative audience.

Miss Wilhelmina Scott, at the piano, gave the lecturer very valuable assistance by playing the "motive" of the Ring.

Mr. Johannes Minch, the violinist, delighted everybody with his playing. Mrs. Clara Schade Muller acting as his accompanist.

The December business meeting of the Columbia Heights Art Club met with Mrs. Gibbs on Thursday. Mrs. Stokes presiding. Considerable business of importance was discussed. The selection and ordering of the new club pin was postponed until another meeting. A committee was appointed to decide about the entertainment that has been proposed. Parliamentary drill was given by Mrs. Nelson. The roll call, responded to by fourteen members, was, as usual, on current events. Dr. Gibbs sang for the club a solo entitled "Mistress Price." The next meeting will be at the Partner with Mrs. Stokes as hostess.

The Washington branch of the Theosophical Society held its regular evening meeting at the headquarters, 222 A street southeast, on Sunday last. A very comprehensive lecture on "Practical Brotherhood" was delivered by Rev. Alexander Kent of the People's Church. The class in ancient wisdom met on Wednesday evening and studied the Nirvana and Buddhist planes. The class in evolution of consciousness met on Friday evening and studied the "Monad" and the atom from the standpoint of the occultist.

The Washingtonians held a meeting last Monday evening at the home of Miss Sadie Breslin, No. 701 6th street northeast. The club formed committees and completed arrangements for a ball to be given at the Pythian Temple on December 15. The next regular meeting of the club will be held at the home of Miss Katie Slater, No. 48 I street northeast, on Monday evening. The members present were the Misses J. Ireland, K. Slater, M. Giddings, S. Breslin, A. Laskey and Messrs. J. A. Maguire, W. Harvey, G. E. Cox, H. W. White, W. Luskey and J. O. Burruss.

The Spanish club, La Conferencia Social, under direction of Mrs. E. J. M. Clements, will meet with Mrs. L. O. Talbott, 1321 L street, the Lenox, Wednesday morning, December 13, at 10:30 o'clock. Subject, "La Muerte de la Emperatriz."

The annual meeting of the Society of Colonial Wars in the District of Columbia was held at the New Willard Hotel at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, December 5. Mr. Thomas Hyde, the retiring governor, was in the chair. Reports of the various officers were made and a paper on Braddock's Rock in the District of Columbia was read by Dr. Marcus Benjamin. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Governor, Dr. Marcus Benjamin; deputy governor, William Van Zandt Cox; lieutenant governor, Mr. Job Barnard; secretary, Walter C. Clements; treasurer, John William Henry; registrar, Albert Charles Peale, M. D.; historian, Gilbert Thompson; chaplain, Rev. Caleb Rochester; surgeon, J. B. G. Custer, M. D.; gentleman

year under the management of Mrs. Brown. Systematic methods in force in connection with the construction of the new Maryland-Blenheim and the stores facing the same on the boardwalk at the foot of Ohio avenue have been productive of results in the way of rushing the structure to completion despite the delays incident to the non-arrival of material during the earlier stages of construction.

The San Antonio, on South Virginia avenue, has been leased for a long term by Mrs. A. S. Ely, formerly of the Aubrey and Ashbourne hotels. Mrs. Ely is one of the most experienced hotel women in the city, and after improving the house in many ways she will reopen it for both winter and summer guests.

The following residents of Washington are registered at leading Atlantic City hotels: Seaside House—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Begley, Miss Nellie R. Foster, Miss Coolidge, T. A. McKennell, G. P. Starbuck, F. J. Starbuck, J. G. Weller, Miss A. E. Gawler, Eastbourne—G. A. Dempsey, Runnymede—F. Leech, Traymore—Fulton M. Leech, Miss Madge McDonald, J. C. Heald, Archdale—G. F. Deaung, S. T. G. Morsell, Haddon Hall—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Morton, Mrs. L. A. Stearns, Mrs. J. S. Wilson, Miss Elmer, DeVillie—George L. Deaning, S. B. Morsell.

Dunlop—C. F. Adams, A. E. Lyons, Rudolf—Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Thompson, Netherland—C. E. Moore, J. T. Corley, Holland—Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Logan, Seasholm—C. H. Christman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Chalfonte—Mrs. M. Udell, I. N. Hibbard, H. Newton, S. Sheard, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wilkins, A. Atkins, Glendale—W. H. Martin, A. B. Chaffield, Miss Goldsborough, J. W. Blake, Wilkes—Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips, Miss McCrane, Miss M. Hannah, H. Speare, C. Lash, Miss Allen, Miss McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher, Craig Hall—A. Ames, H. Elliott, Morton—Mr. and Mrs. W. Benchim, G. Calhoun, J. Herron.

Courting Death. From The Technical World Magazine.

Not long ago a pedestrian on lower Broadway, New York, witnessed a blood-curdling sight. A hapless upon the top of one of the tallest metropolitan buildings had rotted and was ordered down by the board of health. For a long time no stepladder could be found who was willing to shun up the pole and do the work. The use of the customary staging was, of course, out of the question because of the condition of the staff. Finally, young Hazen Hughes, a stepladder of international reputation, accepted the risk. Up he climbed with his saws and tackle while Broadway craned its neck and thrilled. He cut off a four-foot section from the top of the pole, and was waving away at the other section when part of the tackle in which he was slung gave way. The jack fell downward hanging by his legs. The crowd below surged in frenzied horror. As they looked, however, the stepladder righted himself and went calmly on his way.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

A proposition has been made to the president general of the National Sunshine Association, which is devoted to philanthropic work, that its societies unite in building a national sunshine home for women teachers. Washington, D. C. The originator of the plan, herself a teacher, has already begun the solicitation of subscriptions and sent in her own of \$10. The hearty co-operation of the societies is such that it is believed that the home may be endowed and established very soon. One enthusiast writes: "Nearly all women teachers work to support others. They care for aged parents, support brothers and sisters, etc. Many of them see with dismay the approach of old age or ill health and no one to care for them. Who better deserves a return from those benefited, or a memorial to faithful work, than those whose lives have been spent in influencing multitudes in the right way?"

Interest among the students of the School of Law, Georgetown University, is now centered on the first written examinations of the present term. The examinations, which closed last evening, will be in progress through Friday of this week. The dean of the Law School faculty, Chief Justice Harry M. Claiborne of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, is conducting the examination in common law, pleading and practice and equity pleading and practice; Mr. Chief Justice Seth Shepard of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, the examination in constitutional law, the law of corporations and equity jurisprudence; Justice Ashley M. Gould of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the examination in the law of contracts, criminal law and domestic law; and Mr. Charles A. Douglass of the local bar, the examination in the law of torts, negotiable paper and elementary law, and Mr. Michael J. Colbert of the local bar, the examination in the law of personal property and partnership.

William H. Bishop, editor of the Central High School "Review," has been elected president of the Debating Club of the school. The club is under the immediate direction of Messrs. Simons and Orr and Mr. Harry English, teachers who for three or four years have criticized the fortnightly meetings of the society. The club has twice defeated the Baltimore City College and has had an enviable record in the inter-school debates. The question is being raised whether a restriction against out-of-town athletes meets will operate against out-of-town debates.

The junior class of Columbian College will give a dance in the college building December 21. Mr. E. H. King, Miss Mary S. Birch, Miss Mildred W. Cochran, Mr. F. S. Hemmick and Mr. T. P. Brandenburg have charge of the arrangements. On December 19 the sophomore class of the college will give a complimentary dance in Carroll Institute Hall, on 10th street near K. Admission will be by card only.

board of education of a pupil from the Eastern High School to the Central High School early in the past week has revived the stories of friction at the Eastern. Seven transfers were made at the opening of the school year, which, however, did not exceed the transfers from the Western to the Central at the same time. The rumor that several other pupils have applied to the board for the transfer privilege is said to indicate a condition of friction which is further said to exist among the faculty.

The final test to determine the makeup of the team to represent the George Washington University in the debate with the University of Cincinnati in the spring will be held December 18. Speakers who upheld the negative in the preliminary contest will be required to take the affirmative, while those who took the affirmative will have to defend the negative. Each contestant will be allowed twelve minutes.

Western won all four of her games in the High School League without allowing her rivals to score. Friday afternoon when the Princeton Alumni Association presented a silver cup to the champion team the pride of the school filled the auditorium with an excited and satisfied crowd that showered plaudits on the victorious squad. There were present President J. Holdsworth Gordon of the board of education, President Dr. Wallace Neff of the Alumni Association, H. B. Munn, the oldest Princeton alumnus in Washington; James Sprigman, coach of the Central baseball team, and the following representatives of the Princeton association: Wallace D. McLean, Henry Tulloch, Gilbert Kelly, W. J. Pilling and J. L. Norris.

Capt. "Bobbie" Phelan received the cup and thanked the Princeton men for the interest they have always shown in athletics. The Academy of the Royal Academy, that of Sir Matthew Hale was executed in 1755 by George Vertue, a celebrated engraver in his day.

The Princeton cup is a silver trophy about eighteen inches high, mounted on an ornate stand. On the obverse side is the Princeton seal and motto, while on the reverse will be the names of the winning team. The first school to win the championship three times will become the permanent owner of the cup. The fobs presented to coaches Boock and Kirby are gold fob balls, with the name of the school and the coach engraved on them.

approval of out-of-town games during the regular season.

New machines are being continually added to the equipment of the engineering laboratories of the George Washington University in the Van Ness building. The Shepherd Engineering Company of Franklin, Pa., has lately given a steam engine of about twenty-five horsepower, to be used for testing purposes, and a client of Prof. Edwin C. Brandenburg of the faculty of law has just presented a circular saw and a planing machine for the workshop, and latter gasoline engine, the three being valued in all at considerably over \$1,000.

The sessions of the national child labor committee, held Friday and Saturday at the New Willard Hotel, have attracted many teachers. The interest has been keen in the matter of truant and parental schools. The enforcement of a successful and adequate child labor bill can only be secured by the hearty and efficient co-operation of the superintendent and the teachers of the public schools. It was said at the Saturday morning session that three children in Philadelphia, who were being pensioned by a benevolent society in order that their parents could permit them to attend school, were absent through the whole year and the truancy not discovered. The need of inspection is clear.

Prof. James Brown Scott of the George Washington Law School has presented that institution with two valuable old portrait engravings of Lord Eldon and Sir Matthew Hale, the former of whom is known as England's greatest judge in equity, and the latter as the celebrated jurist who was chief justice of the court of the king in the reign of Charles II. These portraits, along with that of Chief Justice Marshall, have been named and now adorn the walls of the room in which Prof. Scott conducts his equity course.

The portrait of Lord Eldon is dated 1828 and was executed by George Deo, the first engraver admitted to the Royal Academy. That of Sir Matthew Hale was executed in 1755 by George Vertue, a celebrated engraver in his day.

Three topics of discussion only, beyond the regular school work, are agitating the public school teachers. The order in which they are debated depends upon the prominence of the teachers in the various corners. The Star's art competition is the universal topic engaging pupils and teachers. The centennial exhibit of December 20 and 21 keeps the teachers busy, but the bill of Representative Foster of Vermont for the reorganization of the system is being debated by teachers, officials and the public. There seems to be some desire to give it complete and thorough study.

One teacher says: "I have never known the equal of the man who stands for this book turning the searchlight on social conditions as they exist, showing life as it is lived."

A HAZARDOUS UNDERTAKING.

New Steel Dry Dock to Be Towed to Manila.

Special Correspondence of The Star. NORFOLK, Va., December 8, 1905. The most hazardous undertaking in the form of towing in modern history will be from the U. S. colliers Brutus, Caesar and Cleopatra and the naval ocean-going tug Potomac start from Hampton roads next week with the powerful new steel floating dry dock D. D. Dewey, which is to be sent to Manila for use in docking and repairing American warships on that station. The new dock is a monster box over 500 feet long and 300 feet beam, standing in the water sixty feet high and drawing only six feet of water. Many sea captains of long experience declare that the big dock will never reach Manila.

It must be towed a distance of 13,000 miles against wind and tide in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and in the face of terrific monsoons in the Indian ocean. It is claimed that in the event of an emergency the dock can be sunk many feet under water, and that this will save it from loss in possible storms. It is a fact, however, that the government, before it undertook to tow the dock itself, asked for bids from the largest towing concerns in the world, and all declined to give an estimate.

PLUCKY WOMAN'S FIGHT.

Fought Negro Burglar at Portsmouth Single-Handed.

Special Dispatch to The Star. PORTSMOUTH, Va., December 9.—Single-handed and alone Mrs. Alice Dunne of this city fought a burly negro burglar last night and held him until the arrival of her brother, Charles Johnson. The negro was a man of enormous size, who committed many depredations here last night, using sandbags and acid in his operations. Mrs. Dunne discovered him on an upper floor of her home. She immediately grappled with him and did not turn him loose until her brother, attracted by the screams, responded. He closed with the burglar, but the negro broke away and made his escape. Henry Board's pawnshop was also entered last night, but the boldest attempt was made at the home of Joseph Bass in the suburbs. Bass is an insurance agent and it was apparently known to the burglars that he had taken his collections home with him. Bass and his young son locked themselves in their room, being unarmed, but the burglars forced the door, threw acid in the faces of the boy and sandbagged Bass. The burglars, however, secured no booty. There is no clue to the identity of the men.

Don't think, however, because people are too polite to express their doubts when you are lying to them that you have certainly got them fooled.—Fuch.