<u></u> LENTEN SERMON-Noble souls, through dust and heat rise from disaster and defeat the stronger.-Longfellow.

# The Palais Royal

Are the \$7.50 Hats too good or are the \$10 Hats too expensive? Visitors come here and go elsewhere and generally decide upon one of the hats here at \$7.50, saving they are as good as any they see at \$10.

### \$10 Hats at 10 Per Cent Discount.

With the price reduced to \$9 the sale of the Palais Royal's ten dollar hats will be greatly increased. Note that the discount will be allowed on all the more expensive hats excepting the PARIS HATS, which are reduced from \$30, \$35 and \$40 to only \$19 for choice.

#### Untrimmed Sailors, 42c, 85c, \$1.89, \$2.98.

Sailor Hats in twelve well defined shapes have come to the surface as "the hats." The Palais Royal milliner was clever enough or fortunate enough to foresee the demand. The result is: 42c to \$2.98 here for usual 75c to \$4 Sailors, with choice of the best variety in Washington.

### \$5 to \$10 Ostrich Plumes at \$3.15, \$4.50 and \$6.75.

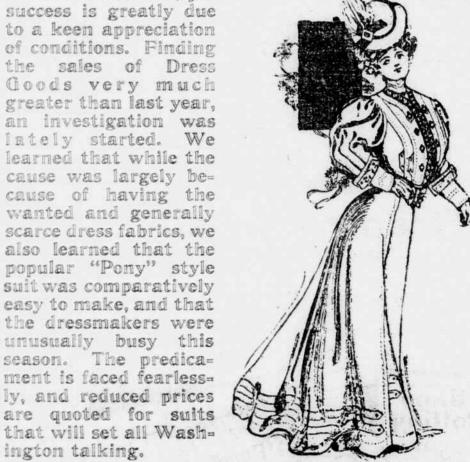
The best test of the merits of an article is to advertise in the newspapers and watch the results. If a prompt reply comes and then quickly dies away it's a bad sign. If the demand increases owing to supplementary advertising done by enthusiastic purchasers, then your article possesses sterling merit. The Ostrich Feather Plumes here at \$3.15 to \$6.75 instead of \$5 to \$10 were advertised a week since, and the demand for them is increasing daily. Milliners from as far as Baltimore have been large purchasers.

### 39c for 50c Flowers and Chiffon. 25c for Usual 39c Flowers and Feathers.

Note the size and quality of these bunches and wreaths of roses, poppies, corn flowers, daisies, etc. Note, too, that the chiffon is 42 inches wide. The wings and quills at 25c are extra long and good.

# Suits at Sensational Reductions.

Also Surprise Prices for Lingerie Waists. The Palais Royal success is greatly due to a keen appreciation of conditions. Finding the sales of Dress Goods very much greater than last year, an investigation was lately started. We learned that while the cause was largely because of having the wanted and generally scarce dress fabrics, we also learned that the popular "Pony" style suit was comparatively



# \$30.00 to \$50.00 Suits,

Choice of Panama, voile and broadcloth suits, silk lined throughout, styles include latest fancy Eton effects; braid, silk, lace and button trimmed; colors, gray, helio, reseda, Alice blue, coral, tan, navy and black. \$25.00 to \$27.50 Suits.

\$16.98 Less elaborate than the above mentioned, but all are highest - grade man-tailored suits, Eton, pony and fitted jackets, taffeta and satin lined, braid and self-trimmed. All sizes in grays, green, blues and

\$18.00 to \$22.50 Suits.

Materials-Panama, cheviot and fancy suitings Style Fton Trimmings, braid and silk, Colors, grays, greens, tans, Alice and navy blues and black.

# Corsets, \$1.66. Some Worth \$10.

ington talking.

The best French and Franco-American Corsets, used as models in show rooms, also by 'demonstrators" on "the road." In the collection are Fasso, La Premiere, P. D., Bon Ton and I. C. Corsets. Best of \$5 to \$10 Corsets at \$1.66 for choice.

# Domestic Corsets, 59c.

None worth less than \$1. Choice of R. & G., W. T., C. B. and Globe Corsets. The number ilmited, and not all styles of each make at the price stated.



# Some Worth \$2.00.

The waist pictured is also here with short sleeves. There are dozens of other good styles, all trimmed with superior guaranteed-to-wash embroideries and laces. Every size, from smallest to largest. The best bargains of the spring-summer season of 1906 are now being distributed here. Regular patrons please

# The Scarce Gray Dress Goods.

Comforting news-only \$1 per yard for 54 and 56-inch Wool Suitings, in the three best shades of grays, in plain fabrics, fancy mixtures, invisible plaids and checks. Only 49c. yard for Silks of gray grounds, with hair-line stripes and checks.

# Voile at 49c and London Twine at 59c.

Hurry for the Black Wool Voile at 49c and the sturdier light-weight "London Twine" at 59c. "Selling like wildfire!" is the news that reaches the writer's den at 11 a.m.

# Dress Trimmings are also on second floor.

The wanted White and Gold Vestings are here at 39c to \$2 yard. A bargain spot: 17c instead of 25c yard for Persian Band Trimming. Note that the chief of this department is now in New York, and that all the scarce and wanted trimmings are promised for tomorrow morning.

# "Marvel Silk" is here in all colors.

On second floor, with dress goods and trimmings. A perfect light here, so that colors may be matched intelligently. Marvel Silk is a marvel, only 25c a yard, 38 inches wide, and possessing the rustle and swish of finest silk.

# Warranted Dress Shields, only 7c pair.

Thousands of pairs have been distributed-dressmakers know the history of these warranted shields, and buy dozens of pairs. All sizes, at only 7c pair, or 25c for four pairs.

# "Star" Alpaca Braid, 7c for five-yard pieces.

The best skirt binding-because dyed in the wool and shrunk ready for use. The best possible braid at less price than other good braids, and at no more than asked for many inferior kinds. Is this not a good proposition?

# 50c to \$1.50 Embroideries, 25c and 68c.

Advertised in Sunday's Star and splendidly responded to this morning. "If it's in the Palais Royal advertisement it's so"-was a visitor's remark this morning. Let's repeat the advertisement:

Half prices-25c instead of 50c for best of 18-inch Embroideries, and 68c instead of \$1.50 yard for 27-inch Embroideries. This is a "Mill and Factory Sale" of broken sets—the narrow widths have been sold, leaving a surplus of these wide ones. You now get finest quality and most exquisite designs in Embroideries for dresses, waists, corset covers and flouncings at about half the actual values.



# \$1.50 for \$2.25 Lace Allover, 45 Inches Wide.

Latest and Best Bargain Spots.

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Demonstration in Johnstown District. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 2.-The storm center in the mining situation of this district is at Windber, where 4,000 men employed in the mines of the Berwind-White Coal Company paraded the streets today, 3 despite the fact that the company had

posted notices granting the 1903 scale. The men are not organized, but efforts are being made to unionize them, and it was declared today that they will demand not only the advance, but will ask for an eight-hour day and check-weighman.

There has been no disorder as yet, but trouble may occur after the parade disbands. The sheriff of Cambria county has ordered the saloons of the town closed, and

has sworn in twenty deputies in anticipation of disorder.

The mines of Hastings, Barnesboro, Gallitzin and South Fork are closed down in celebration of the eight-hour day, but arrangements have been made to resume to:

It is expected that many miners will return then, but a large number may wait until after the joint conference of oper-ators and miners, which meets at Clearfield

Order Obeyed in Wyoming Region. WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 2. - The 3 miners in the Wyoming region obeyed the order of President Mitchell and failed to 3 report for work today. There was no disorder reported from any part of the region. Toward noon the miners began to congregate in this city, giving the town a holiday

Agents for railroad contractors were busy hiring men. A majority of the applicants were foreigners, and they were engaged

At the offices of the coal companies no surprise was expressed at the action of the miners in quitting work. The best of feeling exists between the operators and the miners, and both sides hope that a satisfactory agreement may be reached at tomorrow's conference, so that mining operations may be resumed.

At the mine workers' headquarters re-ports received show that the suspension is complete. There was no attempt made to work a single colliery. All the firemen and pumpmen are at their posts, which insures the mines being kept in good condition.

# Celebrating Eight-Hour Day.

CHARLEROI, Pa., April 2.-The miners are holding a large demonstration here today in celebration of the eight-hour day. The town is crowded with strangers and fully 25,000 miners from the mines in the Monongahela valley are participating. During the morning there was a parade of 4,000 men, including miners, carpenters, glass workers, iron workers and other trades connected with the central trades council. Every person is in good humor, and no trouble is looked for.

### STANDSTILL IN ILLINOIS.

350 Mines to Close Down Today-No Demonstration.

CHICAGO, April 2.-Without demonstration of any kind, but quietly as for a holiday, 350 coal mines in Illinois will close down today. The 58,000 miners employed in the shafts will remain at their homes in pursuance of the strike instructions issued from the Springfield headquarters. Coal digging will come to an abrupt standstill practically throughout the state.

Operators in Chicago announced yesterday that no precautions have been taken to provide for protection. The operators have faith in the promises of President Perry of the local district that order will be observed among the strikers.

Small forces of men, such as engineers, firemen and pumpmen, will be kept at work at each mine to guarantee against injury to the property from natural causes. This will require perhaps from freenty to fifty men at each shaft.

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It will be necessary to keep the pumps working continuously, because water collects rapidly in the underground chambers of the mines and destroys them. Other workmen will be kept busy repairing the timbering underground to prevent the falling in of roofs and sidewalls. The mine foremen, who usually are members of the union, also will be allowed to superintend

the work of preserving the properties.

In the majority of cases the miners live in houses owned by the companies. It is planned that they shall continue to occupy these houses and fallure to keep up rent payments will not be regarded as grounds for evicting them during the progress of the strike.

# Complete Shutdown Reported.

KANSAS CITY, April 2.-There was a complete shutdown today in the bituminous coal fields, included in the Southwestern Miners' Association in Missouri, Kansas, western Arkansas and the territories. A few mines operated by non-union men resumed as usual. No scenes of disorder were reported, the men generally remaining quietly at their homes.

In almost every district the general belief was expressed by both the operators and miners that an amicable settlement would soon be reached and that the strike would be of short duration. Nevertheless the miners said they would remain out until a settlement was a settlement. the miners said they would remain out un-til a satisfactory scale is signed, and there was a general movement to carefully store all available coal. The Kansas City South-ern railway, however, has issued an order to the effect that no coal mined along its line since Thursday last shall be confis-cated. This will mean the distribution of at least 250 cars of coal to towns where there is a shortage.

# 40,000 Idle in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 2.-Chairman J. H. Winder of the Ohio operators today announced that he had received word from all over the Ohio districts that none of the 40,000 miners in the state is at work, except the pumpmen and engineers, who were not ordered out. Mr. Winder says that the reports show the men will remain

out until the wage question is settled. It is unofficially admitted that some of the operators want to sign the scale and a number of the men want to go to work.

Secretary Savage of the miners' organization declared today that the scale will be signed by the operators who want to pay the advance, and that the operators will not wait for a state agreement. Expect Agreement in Kansas.

PITTSBURG, Kan., April 2.-Today in this mining district was spent by the miners in celebrating the passage of the eighthour law. There was no demonstration, and none is expected. All mines are idle. The miners feel that an agreement will soon be reached. The men, however, say that, while they are anxious to work, they will not go back until a settlement has

No Strike at Pomeroy, Ohio. POMEROY, Ohio, April 2.-There will be no miners' strike in the Pomeroy Bend district. The operators will pay the price demanded and will sign the scale this week. .

Obeyed Order to a Man. READING, Pa., April 2.-Official information received in this city today is to the effect that the Reading company miners obeyed the strike order to a man. The anthracite coal around the collieries was cleared up today and sent to market.

All but One Mine at Work.

IRWIN, Pa., April 2.-Reports from all but one mine in the Irwin district are to the effect that the men are at work. There was no formality about accepting the ad-

Millinery House For Quarter Century.

# Bon Marche

Ladies' Suit House For Quarter Century.

# Our Greatest Sale of Easter Hats Is Now in Progress.

The inclement weather has held in check the millinery season, and we can only make up for the lost time by special pricings in this enormous stock of Beautiful Trim med Hats, representing more than 1,800 of the choicest styles. These two weeks are the great millinery weeks. Don't delay your selection.

\$5.00 Hats. \$7.50 Hats. \$10.00 Hats. \$12.50 Hats. \$15.00 Hats.

HUNDREDS OF THE BEST NEW YORK AND PARIS HATS, RICH IN MATERIALS AND EXCLUSIVE IN STYLE, ARE INCLUDED IN THE SALE.

# Trimmed Hats for Misses and Children.

Better styles in every respect, and more of them than have ever been shown in Washington await you in this big department. All the dainty creations of the season

At \$3.50 and Upward.

NOTE: Our Untrimmed Millinery section will offer special prices in all sections-Hats, Flowers, Plumes, Feathers, Pompons, Aigrettes and Braids. You'll practice economy here.

Worth \$30.00.

# The Big \$20.00 Suit Sale Will Save You Ten Dollars.

Worth \$30.00.

That's a big saving, but we are doing just as we advertised we would do. The sale began today, and will continue tomorrow, and perhaps Thursday if this big special purchase of suits lasts that long. Three of the best styles-Eton, Pony and Bolero Suits, in large variety, of imported fabrics, including Panama Cloth, Broadcloth, Cheviot, and other fabrics. Jackets satin and taffeta lined, self and braid trimmed; long and short sleeves. All the plain colors-Black, Blue, Reseda, Green, Alice Blue, Coral, and two shades of Gray. Also fancy fabrics. This sale includes Silk Eton Suits also, in checks and plain black. Buy your Easter Suit now at \$20.00, and save \$10.00.

Suit Department-Entire First Floor,



GO-CARTS. A Special Leader at

Worth \$2.50.

\$1.98. A very Handsome Little \$2.48 Nice Little Go-Cart, all-rattan body, with adjustable back, parasol and \$4.98 cushions. Special at... 

# "Monarch" REFRIGERATORS.

A scientifically constructed refrigerator of the best possible materials, made of kiln-dried lumber throughout; all the latest improvements. Very economical in ice consumption and the coldest refrigerator on the market.

Family size Refrigerator, \$6.75 50-lb. ice capacity..... \$8.98 60-lb. ice capacity.....\$10.00 75-lb. ice capacity.....\$12.50 100-lb. ice capacity.....\$15.00 Monarch Ice Boxes, all sizes, at proportionately low prices.

W. H. HOEKE, Cor. Pa. ave.

day laborers continued at work. No trou-

ble is reported. Quiet in West Virginia. HINTON, W. Va., April 2.-Everything is quiet in the New River and Kanawna coal fields this morning. All the mines are running as usual with full force.

# 11,000 MINERS IDLE.

Status of Coal Industry in Arkansas

and Indian Territory. FORT SMITH, Ark., April 2.-Five thousand miners in this state and 6,000 in the territory are now idle, according to a statement made today by Secretary Brackney of the Southwestern Miners' Association. None of the men, with the exception of the engineers, firemen and pumpmen went to work today. In the various camps of this district the miners celebrated the establishment of the eight-hour day.

It was predicted today that an agreement would shortly be reached by indi-vidual companies. Several operators are in Fort Smith to confer with mining officials as to signing the 1903 scale.

#### Hopeful Situation in Illinois. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 2.-This being

a holiday among the United Mine Workers of Illinois, because of the annual celebration of the establishment of the eight-hour day, no coal mines are being operated.

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President H. C. Perry of the United Mine Workers of Illinois made the following statement today:

"I have been busy all morning answering telephone calls from operators all over the state who are willing to sign the scale of 1903, as demanded by the miners. The prospect that a large number of mines will be in operation tomorrow is gratifying. The Illinois Coal Operators' Association will meet in Chicago tomorrow, so I do not care meet in Chicago tomorrow, so I do not care to give the names of operators who are signing the scale today, as I do not wish to embarrass them. I will say, however, that embarrass them. I will say, however, that among the signers are owners of twenty-five or thirty of the smaller mines in the Danville district. Williamson county operators are also among the signers, though they have hitherto been among those who were strongest in declaring that they would not pay any increase.

The state executive board of the miners' union will meet here tomorrow.

<del>\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*</del> Strictly Reliable Qualities.

Hours:

Leading Cloak, Suit and Furnishing House of Washington.

# The Prettiest Novelties of

-in Dashing Pony Coat

-and Eton Suits, Light-Weight

-Jackets, Silk and Dress Waists,

-Lingerie Waists

-and Walking Skirts. OUR attention is respectfully invited to our special Easter showing of the most exclusive novelties in Women's Apparel-a showing that for richness, quality, tone and the variety of refined styles displayed is not excelled by any

# Gray Suits.

house in America.

The Handsome New Gray and Fancy Check Eton Suits—some of the smart-est creations of the season. Special at \$32.50 and \$35.00.

# Panama Coat Suits.

The Fashionable Black

Panama Coat Suits. Spe- \$32.50

Voile Suits. Graceful and beautiful costumes in black, gray, old rose and Alice and navy blues in fetching Eton effects.

\$38.50, \$40, \$48.50 and \$50.

Dainty White Suits.

Swagger Pony Jacket and Eton Sults \$25, \$30, \$32.50, \$35,

\$37.50 and \$38.50. Silk Dress Suits.

Rich, dainty Eton Costume of white silk. Special at...... \$30 Elegant Black Silk Coat Suits, Spe-

\$28.50, \$30, \$35, \$37.50. \$39, \$39.50 and \$42.50.

## Situation Today in the Lackawanna Region.

liery, an individual operation, is the only mine working in the Lackawanna region today. This mine employs 550 men and boys and has a daily output of 1,200 tons. It was operated all through the strike of

preparations have been made to run them night and day. From Pittston to Forest City, the whole length of the valley, about 46,000 employes are idle and 120 mines are shut down. The washeries at work in this field will be able to turn out from 20,000 to 25,000 tons daily.

Silk Shirtwaist Suits. -In blue at \$21.50, \$28.50, \$32.50. -In green at \$28,50.

# A Matchless Collection of Silk, Net and Lace

Waists. -White India Silk Waists at \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$8.50. —White Net Waists at \$6.50 and \$8.50. -White Peau de Cygne Waists at -White Baby Irish Lace Waists at -Black Taffeta Silk Waists at \$5.50

to \$10.

—Black Net Waists at \$9 and \$10.

—Elaborate Black Lace-Anmed Waists at \$16.50.

—Black India Silk Waists at \$10. Lingerie Waists In the daintiest of short and long sleeve effects. Special at

\$1.25 to \$14. The Fashionable Coats for Spring.

Nobby Pony Jackets of tan covert at \$8.50 up. New Silk Eton and Pony Coats at \$10 up.

Stylish Tourist Coats, in tans and grays, at \$10 up. Walking Skirts.

Graceful new models in the fash-tonable Panama Walking Skirts, at \$5.50 up. Wm. H. McKnew Co., 933 Pa. Ave.

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# ONLY MINE WORKING.

SCRANTON, Pa., April 2.-Oxford col-

Most of the washeries are at work and

All Collieries Idle. MAHANOY CITY, Pa., April 2 .- Every

forced to go out Warden Hall said today that there would be no difficulty in operating the mine if the state is forced to resort to that extremity.

to give work to all men who reported for dut ythis morning, none answered the call of the whistle. In the Schuylkill valley not a single colliery is working, even the washeries and small operations being suspended.

# British Fiscal Exhibit.

The revenue of the united kingdom for the fiscal year ending Saturday shows \$709,394,929, an increase of \$3,481,010. During the year the customs revenue decreased \$6,315,480, and the excise revenue \$2,314,110, while there were increases of \$5,400,000 in the postal telegraph revenue, \$3,209,740 in estate duties, and \$2,400,000 in stamps. The surplus balance in the exchequer at the close of business today was \$24,396,450.

#### World's Visible Supply of Cotton. Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued at-

New Orleans, shows the total visible to be 4.653,496 bales, against 4, 788,974 last week and 4,228,123 last year. Of this the