As is our custom, the store will be closed all day tomorrow (Christmas Day) but will be open late tonight to give everyone a chance to complete their shorping.

Such Weather

As this very forcibly empha izes the advantage of wearing apparel for holiday gifts. Nothing could be more appropriate than these:

Full Dress Suit. Prince Albert Frock Suit.

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City Brevities,

The public schools have closed until after the holidays. The Christmas entertainment of the

Fifteenth Street M. E. Church will be given on Monday evening. Bernard W. Burch, twenty-three years

old, was sent to St. Elizabeth's Insane Asytum yesterday pending an investigation of his mental condition. The grand commander of the Order of

the Golden Cross, accompanied by the officers of the grand body, will visit Potonac Lodge on January 25. A commiete set of his predecessors in of-

fice now adorns the office of Brig. Gen. Wison, chief of engineers. The first to hold the office was Cel. Jonathan Williams Susan A. Ruffin yesterday filed a suit to equity against the Perpetual Building Association and others, to enjoin them from setting lot 23, square 960, on which they hold a trust.

Willie Green, a colored oysterman, yesentered a libel in the District court, for \$16 wages, against the boat Nettie May, for which he has been work ing on the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay for the mat three months. Later the suit

and Lieutenants Adams and Shipter are treat is in stote for all who attend-Mount Vernon Council, No. 491, National | had been paid.

1898 at their meeting held on Thursday night, December 23; President, Ross J. Photographer president, J. A. Witts; speaker Thomas Doonan; se retary, Edward Saxton financial secretary, C. E. Phelps; treasurer, Lyman F. W. Cushing; chaplain, Nathan F Isome ushet, Jefferson Mid-diction, refrontant-arms, James L. Mann. doorkeeper, Henry Warren, trustees, H. C. Espey, J. A. Watts, Jefferson Middleton, delegate to entinet H. C. Espey, delegate to assembly, A. P. Marston; delegate to Impossible Relief Association, Jefferson

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ave., displays a fine assortment of Mackintenders for ladies, gents, misses and children; also boots, shoes and typs. Presents
that will be appreciated, not only during,
but after the holidays,
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BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD

BULL BUILD

Every Tuesday, personally conducted tourist sleeping cais to the Pacific coast, via st. Louis, from Mountain route and Southern facilia, will have Washington on the fact Western express at 3:40 p.m., Low rates for the holidays to Pintsburg, Wheeling, and Parkersburg, becember 24, 25 and 31, 1857, and January 1, 1868. 25, and 31, 1867, and January 1, 1898, at one fate and one third. Good returning until January 4, 1898, Special rates and hearts for students.

ly city taket offices of this company.

Salvation Army Services

There will be three services at Salvation Army Barracks on Christmas Day, At il a. m., the subject for discussion will be Sacrifice for Service:" at 3 p. m., "To Greatest Thing in the World," and in the evening, at 8 o'clock, "What Think Ye of Christ:" The public is cordially in vited to attend.

Want Better Pay for Firemen District Assembly, No. 66, Knights of Labor, met last evening at Physterers' Hall. The legislative committee was instructed to memorialize Congress in behalf of the members of the District fire department and request that their compensation be in-

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Fate of the American Sailors, Montgomery and Epps.

Statement by Commodore McNair Regarding the Killing Shows It Was Not in a Brawl.

The information obtainable as to the killing of American sailors in Japan is so far discreditable to the Japanese side of the controversy.

One of the curious incidents of the killing is that there was, so far as can be ascertained, no contemporaneous report made of the affairs by American repre-sentatives in Japan to the State Depart-

The details furnished to the State Decartment yesterday have not been given the public, and it is not likely that a full statement will be made until diplongery has either settled the dispute or has exhausted itself in the effort.

A call was madent the Japanese legation. last night with a view of ascertaining the allegation of facts from the Japanese side. The statement was made that the members of the legation were at a certain place. They were not found there on inquiry. It was also stated at the legation that no feport had been received relating to the killing of the American sailors.

The State Department is, novertheless, proceeding with the inquiry into the manuar n watchtne sallors camet their death. Minister limit, at Tokio, has cabled the State Department that he has asked the Japanese government to investigate the killing of the sailor Montgomery, who was attachedtothe gunhant Yorktown.

The deaths of this callot took place in September, Yer it is stated that Mr. Buck had not land of it until so informed by the State Department on the other side of the earth. The State Department sent bim an inquiry about Montgomery a few days age, to which he has replied that he has asked the Japanese government to investigate the case. It is believed that the State Department has no later information than that sent by Mr. Buck.

As to the other case, that of the killing of Apprentice Epps, of the Olympia, the flagship of the Asiatic squadron, it has been reported to Minister Buck by Comnorlors McNair, in command of that squad-on. This killing took place in November. Minister Buck took the latter case before the Japanese government, and it said to be now undergoing investigationnodore McNair has also made e report to the Navy Department concerning the Seath of both Americans, which report has been transmitted to the State De partment for its information.

The essential part of the report is said to be that the Americans were not killed in a dranken sailor's brawl, but were waylaid and mirdered. It is likely that the State Department will hold its evidence until the case shall have been made up from the Japanese point of view.

In addition to these reported outrages there was the assault more recently by Japanese on the sailors of the Yorktown. It is believed that the motive in all of these cases was engendered out of political animosity. The outrages are said blood and quarrels over the Hawaiian at

fair, and that the Americans got the worst of it by being waylaid and killed. There appears to be enough known to be State Department to warrant an in sistence on a speedy accounting by the to be the cold blooded nurder of two American citizens.

PACIFIC ROAD PAYMENT.

Mr. Gare Takes Steps to Prevent a Money Market Disturbance,

Secretary Gage intends to provide a tors at the barracks, at No. 930 Penusyl-vania avenue, on Christmas evening, with vania avenue, on Christmas evening, with Staff Captain Noble at d of the Union Pacific bonds naturing of the Union Pacific bonds naturing and the interest \$897 000. Up to Wedness michans, so a minical day night \$10,195,120 in bonds had been presented for payment, and \$8,350,178

payments to the 27th will reach \$15,000 000. On the same day the teorganization commuttee of the Union Parific Railward will pay into the Treasury the sum of \$5.538.401.37; and in order to gua.d further against any disturbance of the market. Secretary Gage says he has arranged that \$4,000,000 of this amount shall be deposited in the National City Bank of New York upon bonds being turned over to the government for security. The the actual amount withdrawn from the money market and paid into the sub-Treasury at New York .

at the meney centers, and, except within the last week or ten days the money mar ket has been exceedingly easy. Bonds to the amount of \$7,350,000 are now held is security for special deposits in national banks on account of the nurchase of the there will be no actual transactions.

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL EXERCISES

Pupils Follow a Custom and Have Pleasing Entertainments.

The Christmas nolisla years looked forward o in anticipation of genuine pleasure y no class of people more anxiously than sy schoot children It has been the custom for the pupils

of the high schools to observe the begin-

ning of the bolidays with musical and literary entertainments, to which the parents and friends are invited. To add to the success and assist as far as possible, the principals always make the day before Christmas eve a half noli

At the various schools the entertainments given by the pupils were decided successes At the Pusiness School literary and mescal entures were provided, the talent being drawn from the pupils. Miss McDonald gave a plane solo, Mr. Riordan, a reading: Richard Harding Davis, "A Recruit at Christman," Mr. Quinter, a normal solo; Miss Meacham, vocal solo; Miss Edwards, a recitation, and the Misses Haas, a plano

At the Eastern High School there was a big Christmas tree. A literary and musical togramme was given.

Plogramme was given.

The following program was given at the Western School: Chorus, "Sleep, Little Babe," recitation, "The Doughnuts Like 6 Your Mother Used to Make," Miss Della Fishel: song, "Dreams," Miss Marie Everett; violin soio, Beethoven Waltz, Miss Daisy Field: recitation, "Changing Year." Miss Belle Graves; guitar and mandolin Wright and Hall; song, "The Serenade," Miss Bessle Colonigh, reading, "Christmas Week," Mrs. Walton, violin solo, the intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana," L. O Leanox; guitar and mandolin selection, "Daughter of Love," waltz, Misses Ball and Stoddard. Speeches were made by Mr. Leetch and Mr. Cheyner, of Cornell University, Mr. Smoot and Mr. Alexander, of Lafavette, and Mr. Bradley and Mr.

Cassin, of Columbian. A very pleasant entertainment was given CALT & BRO., at the Central School. At the regular entertainment, nearly all of the scholars provided themselves with nalloons and the hall presented a unique and pleasant

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Men's Blue and Black \$2.80 Men's Melton Overcoats-four different shades-a \$12\$5.62

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Men's Heavy Pants .. \$1.19

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Men's Suits. Men's 36 Cassimere \$2.85

ble and Single-breasted \$4.65 Men's \$12.09 Fancy \$6.75 Worsted Sulta. Men's \$15.00 Fine Black Clay

Men's \$18.00 Suits, eilk or cas-simere lined—very finest material; single or double-breast—\$9.75 Men's \$6.50 Regers-storm col-ars-just the thing \$3.00 or wheelmen......

FURNISHINGS. 50c Heavyweight underwear .. 25c 38c Canton Flannel Drawers, 25c
75c Fleece-linel Wool Under
Weat. 50c
25c Wool Hose (assorted colors). 15c
50c Wool Gloves, reduced to 25c
50c Wool Gloves, reduced to 25c
50c Suppenders (were broken)

COMPLETE LINE OF HOLIDAY GOODS. H. FRIEDLANDER, Ninth and E Sts.

CASH CLOTHING HOUSE.

tainment were selections by the Central

Mr. Gunnelli a ban lo solo by Mr. Salla le and a drill by a team of eight Central boys, under the command of Military Instructor POOR APPLY FOR SHELTER

school Glee Club, under the direction

Great Demand on the Charity Lodging Houses.

Many Applicants at the Police Sta tions-Pitiful Case of Destitution in Southeast Washington.

Central Union Mission were filled to over

lowing last night with penniless and house ess persons driven to shelter by the coldest night of the season. Capt. Cutler was forced to nake some of

his guests double up in order to accommo ate all that applied.

At the police stations there were also cany requests for lodging, and in a number of instances assistance was asked for by those who had houses but no food or free One of the worst cases brought to light Festerday was that of a family in southeast carpenter, but has been out of employment for so long that he has been unable to

and biniself, and on this account be has seen seriously III. It was found that there was no food it the house and no coul or means of providing either, while the two children and neither shoes nor stockings, and very so int clothing The family is in great distress and the case was referred to the Ar-axciated Charmies.

provide proper nonresument for his family

MAY NAME THEIR POLICIES

Important Insurance Opinion Given in Pennsylvanie.

Barrisburg, Pa., Dec. 23.-The deput attorney general gave Indurance Commissioner Lambert an important opinion to-day relative to policies proposed to be issued by various combinations and are insurance companies, both for eign and domestic. The decision is to the effect that where two or more com panies unite in a pulley of insurance which is otherwise unobjectionable, there is no reason who they may not adopt a name to

designate the kind of policy issued.

The policy, however, must be the explicit contract of the companies the missible for two or more companies to it is definitely stated what proportion of the premium is received by each company in which it also definitely appears that each company manres only a corre-sponding proportion of the amount of the

French Cruisers Sail for China Paris, Dec. 23.-In addition to the cruiser Jean Bart, which has already Brest for China, the cruiser Pascal sailed today from Toulou under orders to proceed t

This Will Be Good News to Many. It has been the custom for years pa to close the Patent Office Restaurant of Christmas Day, but this year the patrons have urged upon Mr. C. B. Osborne, the proprietor, to keep open, and he has concluded to please them. He will make a special feature of the day by furnishing the best table d'hote dinner ever given for 50 cents, to be served from 2 until 8 steless. This will indeed the market of the day by furnishing the best table d'hote dinner ever given for 50 cents, to be served from 2 until 8. o'clock. This will indeed be a great treat

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlam's Colts, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fieck, of Anabeim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as any one can be The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Henry Evans, wholesale and retail druggist, 955 Fst., and Conn. ave. and S. st. nw; and 1428

OLE FLEDERMAUS.

Mrs. Fledermans -1 wish that father of outs would get something out of them politicians and not keep us hanging by the

Christian - Why, ma, he'll probably bave something when he comes in tonight; he surely ought to after all the work he done for the party before election.

Mrs. Flederingus-That's just what I've been hearing this two weeks. The cay after election you'd 'a' thought he was week later be was willing to be the mayor's private secretary; now I'd think it a mercy

Christina-It's a wonder ra doesn't try mething steady and regular, so we would not be pushed all the time for the needful Fledermans - Don't talk to ne about the needful. Every time I herr olicioth I sumperst of my chair thinking it's that pesky collector again. Christina - Well, anyway, ma. Eylof l'as

got a good job, and his \$3 will come in handy every Saturday night. Mrs. Flodermans - Beens to nie be's pretty

and he'd oughter sot here at 7 without be was kep' over. Christian - And then that hoss of aps. fudge Checkerberry, bas got a right

give the lad his suppermaney when he ceps bim to the office as late as this. Mrs. Fledermans-I ain't seen that young stocknoann feiler around here lately. Todon't want to leave go your hold on him

Chrissie, 'specially as we don't know where we're going to land. Sakes after if their isn't another of them reaches across the Foor! Step on him, quire brissie, before he gets into the lag of floor and your father gets him in a bis Christina-Talking about Mr. Stockmann

can the last time he was here. He sent me word that he might run in for a minute, by

when I seen you goin' 'round all morning with your hair in papers. Well, I will may that he puts up a very pretty front with his high hat and chain and his fancy cornety Christina Hark, mother; ain't that po

ening) - Yes, that's him, and I might a' mown how it would be this marging when he told me he'd got to that district club that meets over Cassidy's Exchange, where all the political workers hang out. My, but he's not a good one aboard tonight that's the third time he's slipped coming ni that last flight.

Christina (showing nervous anxiety).

A Genuine Ibsen Drama, by James L. Ford.

Scene.—Drawing-room in home of the Fiedermans, within sound of Sixth avenue elevated radional. The rurnture of the room slow-weecontive ambiion, enthed by Tinancial stringency and lack of artistic knowledge on the part of the markes. An ofnamental mantel-piece is adorned by a gandy "throw of yellow slik, which partly concrais the ord clother protraining between the slats. A red-pinsh sofa, two sinfred chairs, and an easel, on which is displayed a photograver of the "Charot Race" in a want and git frame, are the pineupal articles of furniture and ornament. Mrs. Fledermans and her daughter, Christina, discovered in anxious consultation.

cyclids any longer,

Mrs. Fiedermans-I might 'a' known that

owing up stairs?
Mrs. Fledermans (going to door and his

Run him quick into the bedroom, ma, and make bimlie down. If Mr. Storkmann was to call and find him a settin' in the parter with that fearful glassy face onto him and

steadily toward the casel, which he dently mistakes for a chair)-Good evening all; hope you're all well

Mrs. Fledermans (starting to her feet and seizing bin, by the arm)-For goodness sake. Ole, don't set down on that art work when there's plenty of chairs in the room Ole(senting himselfon sofa) - Maria every hing's all right! Big job tomorrow! Got a dead sure thing! That's how I got the ence best friend man ever had! Go through

A "Treat" for Everybody.

BOCK REER

For the Holidays.

It is an old custom in Germany for the brewers to treat their patrons during the holidays with "Bock" Beer. To celebrate the "Opening" of our NEW BOT-TLING ESTABLISHMENT we will follow this good, old-time custom and give Washingtonians "a treat" such as they have never before enjoyed at this season of the year. This beer was brew ed expressly for the holidays—of imported Malt and Hops—and is for sale at leading hotels and restaurants—or will be delivered to homes in bottles on application. Write or telephone 222 Frompt delivery.

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D Street, Between 13th and 14th Sts. S. E. Bottled also by J. F. Hermann & Son. 19th and I see: J. H. Schlueter, 5th and Q nw.; F. H. Finley & Son. 1295 D nw.; Hohmann Bros., 4th and L he.

If not, let us suggest that something in the way of clothing makes a welcome gift. It would be a wise plan to make such a present to yourself while you can take advantage of our clearing sale. Prices are cut in half lower than were ever known before. We've cut most recklessly; though the assortment is superb. Even Kris Kringle's famous bag could not produce a finer display.

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Ladies' Handsome Cloth Capes, full sweep, trimmed with fur. Regular Ladies' Spiendid Astrakhan Capes, triumed with fur; full length and sweep;regular\$6.00 oods \$2.75 Ladies Alf-wool light Suits.

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Men's Pine Worsted \$10.00 Men's Stylish Top Coats. \$5.50 Men's Stylish Hats in the newest shapes..... \$1.25 Children's Suits..... Children's Fine All wool

CASH OR CREDIT.

MAYER & PETTIT

415-417 Seventh St. N. W.

me (Bursts into team) Mrs. Fiedermans—If you'll be kindenoug COUSINS SEEK TO MARRY o step out into the next room. Mr. Fleder

Ote trising and following his wife will unsteady guit) - Well, if a man pun't sit in his own parlor, it's about time he sined some club where he can have a little peace.

I'm coming. Maria. (Exsunt.) Caristina (soll(equizing) - It's a energy ma got big, out in time. I'd have in apped dend if Mr. Storkmann had come in and found him here. Hark! Iso't that administration ing now? (Listening at door). No: it's only Eylof. I wonder what kept the child so inte. (Opene door.) Come in this way. Eyiof, and mind you don't make any dse. You pa's in the bedown, and he sin't

Eylof (entering and throwing cap down on floor) - V hat's struck the old man Been up against the same old stuff? was to see blm. Is this the time you're ng bonre-vers might Eylof (sullenty)-Naw, Lam't condughous his time every night, neither, I sin't

roing down-town no mare. Christina - And why not? Evlor- Cause Lgot the sack .

Eylof (beginning to whimper) The bose Mrs. Fledermans (resignedly) - I might 'a' known it this normin' when I was putting up your lanch. I felt it come over me ill workin' any more after today.

Christing-You ought to be a fertun-seller, ma. What happened you, Eylof? Eylof-He fired me just for nothin' and. He sent me uplown with a letter is get an answer, and the lady says to tell Judge Checketherry she'll meet frim the stage door after her turn, and she so net go to Shanley's than Martin's it it's the same to him. I come back and give him the message, and his friends he was talking to give him the laugh and he give ne the sich. I don't know what he

Mrs. Fiedermans-Did you give the

nessage as coming from a indy? Mrs. Fiedermans-Well, the next time ou'll know enough to say "party." Christing 'starting to her feet -Mercy mad there's someone at the door! Twon to do for me to open it! Come, Eylot conse glong with me. (Exit lending boy.)

Mrs. Fiedermans (solomizing)-1'm ail taliment man chasing up here again. Well, he can't do more than eat me, pose. (Opens the door.) Why, Mr. Storkmann, I'm real pleased to see you You're quite a stranger. You'll excise my coming to the door this way, but the gira

has just stepped out. Fridjiof Storkmann (entering)—Noapolog) necessary, Mrs. Fledermans. I hope I see you well. I was just passing by an thought I'd drop in a minute. What plea-

ant weather we've been having. Mrs. Fledermans-Yes, it's very mild today. I suppose things are rushing down

at your store. Fildlof (with satirical intent)-Yes, jurushing by our door. Mr. Glmp told me not two hours ago, that he'd never se things so dull in the linens as they are now Mrs. Fledermans-Well, you amaze it If you'll excuse me, I'll speak to Christia. she got so interested in her hibrary book! don't think she heard you come in- (Ext. (Sound of knocking without)

Patitiof (rising and shaking hands)-I'd afraid we've got all the boys we can handle down at our place. If they take in anothe one, I'll just go crazy. There's somehod; knocking at the door. Christian (opening door)-Walk in, size I'll take you right back in the kitchen wher

Christian (entering)-Well, I was afra-

you wouldn't come. Say, you don't want a boy down at your place, do you? Little

Evlof got the sack today.

ma is. Excuse me a moment, Mr. Stori mann. (Exit, leading stranger.) Fridget (solitequizing)-Why, that's a installment collector from Doogan's Christian (entering)-That's an old frien of ma's and pa's, so I just took him right into the kitchen, where they could all be sociable together. Mrs. Fledermans (appearing in doorway)

-Have you got six dollars and a half about

you. Christina? Oh. I forgot. Of course. you haven't. Do you happen to have that triffing amount with you. Mr. Storkmann? you could let me have it I'll have Mr. Fledermaus stop in and hand it to you in

Fridjiof (rising with alacrity)-No;) ut I'll step out and see if I can't get it for the main presented a infigure and pleasant of the enter-(Exit, taking coat and hat.)

Curtain.) New York Journal

Too Young to Obtain a License in This City.

Police Now Looking for Them at the Instance of a Helative-Advised to Try Alexandria.

A beartifiess youth and a blushing sould, oth but a few short years from the radie, walked arm in arm along D street. esterday afternoon, and stopped in front of the broad state steps leading to the city hall. The winds blew cold and strong, but this couple would not lave number the frigidness of the atmosph reif they had been in the Klondike, for they

were in love. They shyly entered the building in search f a marriage tierase. The brave youth lerk Meigs and asked for a license to wed. Mr. Meigs is a theroughgoing bosiness than, and he picked up his pen to comply with the request. As he did so, he oked up at the Youth and the maid, at at once decided that both were too. o leave their mothers. The male, spec ing for his would-be linde, acknowledge, that both were under twenty-one, and a he laws of the District do not recegn object of matrimony, the pair were

Mr. Meigs, who, with his stern busineart as w. with a pang of regret, the los of disappointment, upon the two your faces. So be suggested that they go ?

with this glad information Detective Proc tor come over to the ciry half breatiles and buttess with a telegrum fluttering i county but he did not want to eice the marriage certificate. The wire read Manneshas, Val-Look for Theodese and Delte Reets

both under age. Lula Reeves."
These were the names of the youth arbe made and Lula Reeven is supposed a e the mother of one of them The comple are consists contrain as madetood to be the reason why a matrimonic alliance is abjected to on the part of the

the want to marry. Hold or end bac

The couple were expected back here has ight and the officers were looking for then

HAD A KEY TO MAIL BOXES. Arrest of an Alleged Thief Win Personated Postmen.

New York, Dec. 23, Richard O. Davi day on the charge of robbing mail poxes in Toledo, Oldo, and was held by United States Commissioner Shields in default of \$4,000 bail. The real charge is Autoharps, Cornets, Gramophones, tion, because it is believed it was Divis ce confederates who recently de frauded the banks of Toledo mat of \$5,000 upon various small checks. Hanks in oah r Western cities were defrauded out of similar

The method of the gang has been to break spen a small mail box, secure a lockand have a key made to fit its. With that key the tidef in the uniform of a postnam would go to various letter makes and get all the letters possible. The gang would found, and put back the letters that were

VENDETTA IN ALABAMA. A Birmingham Alderman Shoots a

Man Who Killed His Brother, Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 23.- T. T. Ashshot and mortally wounded F. T. Brown. of Command, Ala., a traveling salesman for a Cincinnati firm, on a crowded street

Last year Brown shot and killed Ashford's brother at Courtland. This after-noon Ashford met Brown on a street car and fired instantly, the shots striking Brown in the face. The latter ran into a jeweiry store. A shford fired twice more at Brown in the store, both shots taking effect. He will die. Ashford was arrested here but was

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Toy Values of the Season, DOLLS! DOLLS!! DOLLS!!! THREE CHEERS FOR DOLLS.

That never sale of That never sale of That never sale of That never cry.

And hever die.

We have them in all sizes, in all ares, in all prices.

A Regiment of Bolls already dressed one in a box. We won't say that they are as farge as the Giant that fack killed, but they show a great deal of growth for the price.

30 Jointed body dolls, grinning dressed in the labest fastion. You can't tell one from the other if it wasn't for the other end to the first a wasn't for the discrete in dress.

50 Dolls diessed as clowns look just as fining as the chown at the circus. The other dolls enjoy their company very mach. Only several bundrest obeque done with domical body and complete north. Nicely put up to single boxes.

10c body and complete north. Nicely put up to single boxes are north that it mines man the particle superstitions on account of their begint dressed in different colored silks, with fair to matter nicely arranged in single boxes.

Extra large bosts, mixely dressed and Extra large bosts, mixely dressed and Extra large boots much dressed, and though and atte choogs to play nather ney were said from \$1.00 to \$2.00. hery good little girl shall have the for the for Late Table look like they came too Klendrie. Cothes all truomed with warm for.

An unimited one of year trench house, hown as Lagles of quanty dessed in the height of the latest farsian ideas.

Tom te very near twice as many two. bolls, reduced from 500 to 250; Very harge size Kitl Bedy bolls, with pretty eyes that move and shees and stocklings that you can take off and put on were 700 now. 500 Shoo Files and Skin Rucking Horses, swell made Shoo Fly, reduced from

Shoo Files with climes that play as he child tooks, refraced to.

Shoo Files with climes that play as he child tooks, refraced to.

Shoo Files with the same of th

roung cores monther on the latest patent swinging rods in various sizes from.

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