

Nearly 200,000 Squirrels Little Alewives Are Captured in a Day.

Damariscotta Mills, a small village about midway from the cities of Bath and Rockland, is one of the busiest places in Maine during the last of May and the first part of June. The cause of this unusual activity is the appearance of that migratory fish, the alewife.

I am informed that nowhere in the New England states are there as many of that kind of fish captured as here. There have been taken from the stream in one day upward of 200,000, and 150,000 in a day is not a rare catch.

This bony fish generally makes itself visible from May 1 to May 10 annually, and the run lasts about three weeks. There are three streams issuing out of the Damariscotta lake from a fall of sixty feet, and in these streams are arranged stout "locks" for the reception of the fish.

The fish come from the sea up the Damariscotta river, thence into a large bay, where on a bright sunny day millions of them may be seen "schooling," preparatory for making a run for the stream. Upon their arrival within the locks they are taken out of the water in dip nets and thrown into large square boxes called traps—holding from 5,000 to 5,000, and then sold to the "smokers" for fifty cents a hundred, and carried by them in hods holding 200 to their carts to be transported to the smoke houses.

The hods are made from flour barrels by sawing off about one-third of the top and nailing two poles, one on each side, with cleats of board connecting to strengthen them. During a pleasant day, when there is a large run and a good many "countrymen," as the boys call them, are in, it is very amusing to watch the barefoot urchins follow up the hods to pick up the squirming fish as they flop off to the ground.

Two or three of these young Americans will be after one hod at a time, and the way they'll scramble to pick up the fallen fish will make the most sedate dyspeptic laugh, for they'll push, punch and fight like two dogs after a bone, stringing them on their fingers as fast as they gather them in. The young lads will stoop more than 1,000 in this way some days, with the assistance of purloining a few from the traps and casts of the countrymen.

The smokers do not buy all of the fish, however; the surplus is sold to a Boothbay Harbor firm, which has a large salting and packing platform about 150 yards from the fishways.

Wooden aqueducts in which there is running water are erected, and connect the fishways with the packing establishment. The surplus fish are thrown into these aqueducts, and carried by the water to the packing platform, landing on a large wooden strainer, where they are salted and packed in barrels.

A barrel of salted alewives brings from \$3.50 to \$5 in the market, and the fish are, I am informed, shipped to Africa; also South America.

The smoking of the alewife is another process. As soon as they arrive at the smoke house the fish are placed in tubs holding 1,000, salted, and remain in that state usually three or four days, according to the temperature of the weather, after which they are washed and strung on sticks holding from 10 to 12 in number, and then hung on poles placed in the upper part of the house.

Large holes are dug in the earth (there is no floor in the smoke house), around which large stones are placed, a fire is built out of logs and banked with sawdust, and the alewife is now prepared to receive its red coat in a few days.

When ready for market the first fish bring as high as \$2 a hundred, but later in the season get down as low as 75 and 80 cents.—Cor. Boston Herald.

The Omnipotence of the Spoils System.

From the second election of Jackson, in 1832, down to the present time the doctrine that "public office is a party prize" has been the controlling factor in the administration of the national government. The limited and imperfectly executed civil service act, so far as its effect on the great body of the common people is concerned, constitutes no exception. Every boy of 15 who hurried because his father voted for Jackson in 1832 had, if alive at the election in 1883, passed the age of threescore and ten. Every voter who cast a ballot in 1832 and lived to cast one in 1883 was then 77 or more years old. Even among this little band of aged men the administration of government upon any other plan was but a dim reminiscence of boyhood. Practically they were in the same condition as their younger fellow citizens.

The people of the United States, then, have no practical knowledge of any other method of administering government. The spoils system is like one of those customs which the common law declares equivalent to a statute, "a custom so old that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." It is a part of the unwritten law, an unexpressed but understood provision of the constitution. It is interwoven with all the threads of political thought; it intermingles with all their motives of political action.—Walter M. Ferriss in Forum.

In Boston and its neighborhood the 17th of June—the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill—is regularly and enthusiastically observed by cessation from labor and by public rejoicings. Of recent years the celebration of this day has been slowly extending through the environs of the city, and it is hoped by some that the observance may finally become national.

# THE MAMMOTH DRY GOODS ESTABLISHMENT

OF THE OLD NORTH STATE. IN FACT THE LARGEST SOUTH OF BALTIMORE!

North Carolinians Speak Of It As An Honor And Credit To The State!

MORE SPACE AND MORE GOODS UNDER THIS ONE ROOF

THAN ANY IN OUR GOOD OLD COMMONWEALTH.

## FRANK THORNTON

TO MY PATRONS:

My first duty to you in this announcement is to tender thanks for your confidence and patronage which I appreciate to the fullest extent, and assure you that no expense or trouble will be spared to place before you every high grade Novelty as they appear in Market, as well as all standard brands of Dry Goods known to business. This Fall's Offerings present many new and attractive designs, which are difficult of description, but appreciated when seen. I was one of the first in the Market, and secured such selections as I knew would suit the Southern trade, and I now ask your critical and careful examination of this, the most complete, and largest assortment of Dry Goods ever shown in the State. A description of my Stock is impossible, but I give some of the leading features below, and ask your consideration of the same.

### Dress : Goods DEPARTMENT

In this Department our Stock is as complete as money, and the greatest care in selections can possible make it.

#### HENRIETTAS

Will be one of the prime favorites this season, and we have secured of them in the following colors:

Vandyke Brown, Nut Brown, Mahogany, Navy Blue, Indigo Blue, Sapphire Blue Electric Blue, Scarlet, Cardinal, Garnet, Dregs, of Wine, Dark Seal Brown, Light Plum, Plum, Dark Steel, Dark Old Rose, Dark Olive Green, Dark Serpentine Green, Dark Bottle Green.

#### FLANNELS

Are growing in favor, and very justly so. They present a warm and comfortable appearance, are attractive and wear well. We show them in all the new colorings, and in large assortment.

#### SUITINGS

In plaids and stripes, are very attractive and stylish, they make up very handsomely, and are in great demand this season.

#### FRENCH TRICOTS

Are unsurpassed for elegance and finish. A really strictly first class goods. Our line comprises all the new shades, and in Cream, white and Blacks.

#### HABIT CLOTHS

Have a large representation in this Department. The merit of this brand of goods is fully established, and we cheerfully recommend them to our customers.

#### SERGES

Are the Dress Goods mostly sought after just now as suitable for wear between seasons. In these goods our line is unusually large and attractive, embracing all accepted Styles. They are very popular goods.

It is impossible to enumerate this Stock. Samples will be cheerfully forwarded, and we solicit applications for same.

#### Dress Trimmings &c.

In this Department you can find anything you wish, which is stylish.

100 Pieces Silk Plush & Velvets

In figured conceptions and solid colors ZOUAVE SETS in bead and Silk. Gimp. Very Pretty. GIMPS in very elaborate display, in all new shades and latest styles.

BELTS AND BUCKLES are more in vogue than ever before. We have them.

Gimp Sleeves, Collars and Fronts. A very full display of these Novelties.

LACES These goods take up considerable space in my Store. The ladies will have them, and we consequently keep the Stock up to the highest notch. Black Silk Net, Cream Platte Val-Venetian Point, Irish Point, Vandyke and Turchin are shown in large lots.

EMBROIDERY, Hamburgs, with edgings and insertions to match. These goods are in every variety. RIBBONS of every hue, represented by art or nature.

#### CLOAKS AND WRAPS!

In this Depart we exhibit a most extraordinary and beautiful line of Wraps. The Wrap to capture the stylish this season is the

#### New Shape 3-4 Cut Wrap.

of Stockinet Cloth, made with Vest, either close-fitting or loose. This is the very latest and most stylish Wrap of the season, and will lead the van.

Very Stylish in make up this season are the

#### Seal Plush Wraps,

They come in quite a variety of styles, including Jackets, Short Coats and Long Lengths. Of all these we show an abundance to select from in all sizes, for the small ladies and the more portly ones.

A line that attracts every one with an eye for the beautiful, is the

#### TAILOR-MADE STOCKINET JACKETS.

They are very handsome, and entirely new.

For early Fall wear, and extremely attractive as well as comfortable, we show an elaborate array of

#### LADIES' All Wool Flannel Blazers!

These Goods are all the go now.

Something very nice when a heavy Wrap would be uncomfortable, is an

#### ENGLISH CLOTH Or Astrachan Cape

We show these in profusion, and they are very popular and stylish. For evening wear they are especially adapted.

We bought at a great sacrifice

#### 150 Diagonal Jackets

and propose distributing them at prices heretofore unheard of. If in need of anything of the kind you will miss your opportunity if you fail to see these goods.

A strictly stylish, and perfectly new garment, is the

#### IMPORTED Stockinet Newmarket,

The are made in a number of styles, and are destined to be very popular. We show them with Capes, and without Capes, and with Vests. Ladies desiring a real nice Wrap will find in this combination real treasures.

We have placed in stock this season an extraordinary large and handsome line of ALL-WOOL CASHMERE SHALLS.

This is a delightful Wrap for evening wear, and we show them in all colors and accepted shades.

#### BLACK SILKS and Mourning Goods

In this department our lines are marvels of beauty, and unsurpassed by any before presented. We show a

Perfect Black Silk which we have been handling several years, and which has established an enviable reputation, at the low price of 95 cent per yard. The large and complete assortment of

FAIRLE GROS GRAIN justly merit and are attracting much attention.

RHADOMOS, as you know, are standard, and show you ample variety to select from.

ARMURES are good value and are often asked for by purchasers.

SATIN LUXON make up superbly it is a prime favorite.

SATIN DUCHESSE need no word of recommendation from us; their reputation is established.

FINE BLACK. We take a special pride in this class of goods, and the stock is now up to the highest standard. We show an elegant assortment of

#### Silk Warp Henriettas,

a perfect goods, of best texture. One of the nicest goods shown this season is

Silk Warp Henrietta With Satin Border.

See these goods before placing your order.

SEBASTOPOL is a nice fabric claiming attention this season.

SERGES just now are very popular. The weight is exactly right for between seasons.

SUITINGS are in heavier demand than ever before.

FLANNELS hold their own as desirable HABIT CLOTHS have proven their worth an are very handsome.

FRENCH TRICOTS we show in a number of grades.

HENRIETTAS are also shown in plain, broad and striped.

#### HOSIERY AND GLOVES.

In this department it is next to an impossibility to convey any but the slightest idea of the stock. Ladies may be assured, however, that the greatest care and discretion has been exercised in the selections, and we confidently place before them as full lines to select from as can be found in any Broadway store in New York.

IN LADIES' KID GLOVES we show all colors and sizes, we warrant a good kid glove 75 cts. We warrant our gloves at \$1.00 and \$1.25, and if a pair of them RIPS, TEARS or BREAKS, we will refund the money. Gentleman's Kid Gloves are shown in more variety than usual, and our lines are complete.

THE MOUSQUITAIRE makes its appearance in all the latest colors, and asserts its position in popularity.

#### CORSETS.

In this department we show all grades—at least we show all grades that we can speak a good word for. Experience teaches us that if a customer wants a corset, say for 25c., we show them that priced corset and assure them that it is the best that can be obtained for that amount of money, but we inform them that it is economy to buy something better; however, they are to be the judges in the matter, and we place for their decision.

The Junnata, at 25c. The Bonnie, at 35c. The Katisha, - 40c. The Carle, - 50c. The Sylph, - 60c. The French Woven, - 75c. The Windso, - \$1.00. The Good Luck, - 1.00. The Daisy, - 25c. For Misses, 50c.

Besides every make of Dr. Warner's Celebrated Corsets.

Thompson's Glove Fitting Corsets

are known in every civilized country and, we judge, appreciated, from the quantity of them we, in this town sell. We keep them in stock all the time.

### CARPET DEPARTMENT

In this Department the most superb collection ever placed together in the State is known. The stock embraces all classes of Floor Coverings.

For instance, you can find

#### COTTON MIXTURES

At 18, 25 and 30c per yard

In full array and perfect assortment,

#### INGRAIN CARPETS

At 30, 35 and 50c per yard.

In twenty different patterns, entirely new.

#### ALL WOOL CARPETS

At 40, 45 and 60c per yard

In twenty-five different patterns, very handsome.

#### ALL WOOL INGRAIN CARPETS

At 55, 60, 65 and 75c per yard.

In fifteen different patterns, most artistic designs.

#### THREE PLY CARPETS,

At 65, 75, 85c and \$1.00 per yard

With borders to match, a beautiful line of

#### CHURCH CARPETS

Selected especially for Aisles and Chancels, at 45, 55, 65 and 75c per yard.

On this class of carpets, when purchased for Church purposes, we make a special price at a very small advance on New York cost.

#### Brussels Carpets,

In full assortment, consisting of fifty pieces, all new and beautiful styles, at 40c per yard.

#### BODY BRUSSELS CARPETS

in the new unique Chinese patterns. Twenty-five pieces in small figures, with borders to match, for Halls and Stairways.

#### VELVET CARPETS

Consisting of fifteen pieces, new designs throughout, and perfect in taste, with borders to match, for Halls and Stairways.

#### HALL AND OFFICE CARPETS.

Complete lines, selected solely for the purpose.

#### COCOA MATTINGS.

A very substantial floor covering for Hall's and Offices.

#### ATR SQUARE RUGS.

Brussels Velvet Rugs, Smyrna Rugs, Two-toned Rugs, in all styles, and endless variety. A perfect profusion of gorgeous colorings.

OIL CLOTHS in twenty-five different styles for Dining Rooms and Halls, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 Quarters.

DOOR MATS in 100 different styles, including the reliable Rubber and beautiful Hemp Mats with Velvet Trimmings.

MATTINGS in twenty different designs at 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35c per Yard.

SAMPLES CARPETS BY MAIL.—To out of town customers so desiring, we will send sample of Carpets, and if they will send us dimensions of rooms to be covered, we will have the Carpet made up and shipped ready to be placed on the floor.

#### TABLE LINENS.

In sets. Some very handsome new patterns, Crash Towels, Brown Linens Sheets from 42 inches to 10-4. Linen Pillow Castings.

The largest assortment in the State of

#### WIDOW SHADES, ALL SIZES

LACE CURTAINS, in abundance, in White and Eoru.

#### CURTAIN RODS

In unique designs. All lengths.

### Drummers.

We are acquainted with your preferences, and are in condition to serve you. We give you the Full styles in

DUNLAP HATS and STETSON HATS.

You know what they are. No use of our saying anything. Our experience teaches us that if you cannot get

E. & W'S COLLARS and CUFFS You will wait until you strike a point where you can get them. We've got 'em. Two other things you have very properly become attached to are

HANIN & SONS' SHOES AND ZIEGLER BROS' SHOES.

We can show you any style and size of shoe; when the cold blasts strike you, your thoughts naturally drift to Cartwright & Warner's Underwear.

We have a very complete and full line of them.

#### —CLOTHING—

If a garment is not made up exactly right, and does not fit in every respect, the gentleman to whom we are at present directing our remarks, they don't want it and won't have it. We say they carry a level heads. This however is to announce to them that we have a line of Fine Clothing made by the

Best House in the United States, which we guarantee to be as well made, and as perfect fitting, as any custom made garment. The saving in price will be at least

#### Twenty-five Per Cent.

which is an item worth considering.

#### HIGH GRADE UNDERWEAR.

The assortment in this department cannot be equaled anywhere. It is perfect.

#### THE MEDICATED TANNERS.

For both Ladies and Gentlemen we show in all sizes, and they are very highly recommended.

Ladies' All Wool Vests and Pants. Are in Stock in all the high grades. No trouble will be experienced in procuring any article under this head, as the stock is very full, and assortments larger than usual.

#### SILK UMBRELLAS,

Of the purest quality. New handle designs.

#### BLANKETS,

Spreads and Counterpanes. We show an exceedingly handsome array of these goods.

Buggy Robes, Trunks, Valises and Grips.

#### UPHOLSTERY.

We have the most complete line of Novelties in this Department we have never shown, and the goods are beautiful.

CHENILLE PORTIERS in ample supply, and different qualities.

SCOTCH LACES in large variety, in all the new shades.

NOTTINGHAM LACES of diverse patterns, in pairs or by the yard.

WINDOW DRAPERIES in gorgeous profusion, of every description.

LAMBRICQUINS in entirely new designs and very handsome.

CERTAIN TABLE COVERS in fancy wool, plush and Turkish designs.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS, DRAPERY &c.

Housekeepers could spend an entire day in this Department, and with profit. For a few lines in an advertisement, I will give you no idea of the stock. It must be seen to be appreciated. We show

TABLE DAMAS, Bleached and Half Bleached, Red and Fast Blue, with Napkins to match. A perfectly perfect assortment of DOYLIES, plain and with fringes. Beautiful goods. Fine conceptions, and new ideas in Dinner and Tea Napkins. The most artistic productions in TRAY AND TOWEL COVERS. For ladies to while away the hours we present Stamped Linen for Fancy Work, Fancy Turkish Towels and Towels in every size and quality are in abundance.

### WHOLESALE DEPARTMENT.

The Selections Here are Large, Varied and Complete.

110 cases Assorted Prints.

30 cases Solid Prints.

60 cases Pants Cloth.

25 cases Cassimores.

50 cases North Carolina pants Cloth.

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35 cases Dress Goods.

25 cases Gingham.

15 cases Flannels.

25 cases Shirts.

25 cases Drawers.

25 cases Hose.

15 cases Half-Hose.

10 cases Towels.

50 cases Bleaching.

25 cases Underwear.

10 cases Canton Flannel.

10 cases Blankets.

200 cases Umbrellas.

375 cases Hats.

250 cases Boots.

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