

Block Rent Evil Is Plea of Tustin

These houses formerly rented for \$18 per month. In October, when paying my rent I filed a complaint with the agent, relative to the condition of the cellar, which became flooded with sewerage (R.R.) from a defective sewer.

Complaint was made monthly thereafter until January, 1920, with the result that the house was visited by plumbers on various occasions, who looked over the situation, used a plunger a few times and departed never to return.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH NINETEENTH. BUSINESS HOURS, NINE TO FIVE-THIRTY STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER To-morrow—Friday SECOND CLOVER DAY

FOR WOMEN Wool Jersey Cloth Coat Dresses—\$17.50 Wool Jersey Cloth Blouse Dresses—\$18.75 New Taffeta Dresses, black, colors—\$32.75 Spring Serge Suits, black and blue—\$37.50 Spring Serge Suits, black and blue—\$45.00 New Heather-mixed Jersey Suits—\$23.00

Men's Clothing Hart, Schaffner & Marx and other Suits and Overcoats—\$36.00 "Alco" and other Suits and Overcoats—now \$29.50 Young Men's Suits—\$26.50 Light-weight Top Coats—\$19.50 and \$26.50 Blue Serge Suits, with Two Pairs of Trousers—\$46.50 Separate Trousers—\$6.25 and \$7.75

FOR THE HOME Brass Bedsteads—now \$36.50 and \$52.00 Enameled Bedsteads, full size—\$16.00 Felt Mattresses, roll edge—\$16.75 and \$18.00 Sliding Couches, with pad—\$27.50

FOR BOYS Boys' Suits, 8 to 16—\$14.50 Cheviot Suits, 7 to 14—\$11.75 Spring Suits, 7 to 15—\$12.75 Spring Top Coats, 3 to 8 years—\$4.75 Small Boys' Wash Suits—\$2.45 Tweed Hats—\$1.25 and \$1.85

FABRICS AND TRIMMINGS Double-width Black Crepe de Chine—\$3.00 40-inch Black Crepe Georgette—\$3.00 Yard-wide Plaid and Striped Silks—\$2.00 Japanese Washable White Habutai—\$2.00

FLOOR COVERINGS Extra-fine Wilton Rugs, 9x12 feet—\$130.00 Royal Wilton Rugs, 9x12 and 8.3x10.6—\$79.50 Axminster Rugs, 6 x 9—\$31.00; 9x12—\$48.50; Wilton Rugs, 4.6x6—\$15.00; 10.6x12—\$115.00

FOR MISSES AND CHILDREN Misses' Taffeta, Satin or Crepe de Chine Dresses—\$28.50 Misses' Taffeta and Serge Dresses—\$21.50 Misses' Plain or Heather Jersey Suits—\$28.50 Misses' Polo Cloth or Velour Coats—\$26.50

Toys, Sports, Motor Supplies Bicycles for men and boys—\$39.75 Electric Bicycle Lamps—\$1.50 Y-neck Pull-over Sweaters, very fine—\$11.50

MISCELLANEOUS Fibre-covered Steamer Wardrobe Trunks—\$40 Fibre-covered Wardrobe Trunks—\$45.00 Fibre-covered Steamer Trunks—\$25 and \$27 1000 Miscellaneous Books, damaged—28c to 38c

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