

THE DAILY NOVELETTE

Lilacs and Lilies
By GERTRUDE M. BURNHAM
"Come down to Kew in lilac time, in lilac time.
It isn't far from London."

The lilting refrain persisted in the mind of a girl who stood irresolutely upon a London pavement one spring morning, when even that dingy city was being afforded a glimpse of blue sky. "Well, why not go down to Kew? It really wasn't 'far from London,'" and now that the war was over she would soon leave England for America and the opportunity would be gone. With sudden decision she hailed a passing bus and started on the journey to Kew with the haunting refrain still in her mind.

Lilacs, that was the magic word. Lilacs, white and purple, how lovingly they clustered about the little New England home, and what memories the thought of them sent surging over her; memories of the walk where she had so loved to linger and plan with another for a future home where there should also be lilacs.

Her eyes clouded with a sudden mist. She saw again two figures standing by the bushes, a lithe, sturdy lad in khaki, and a girl in a lilac frock who raised her adoring eyes to meet his. The heavy colors of the white and purple glory with which he had bearded her arms filled the air during those last sacred moments before his departure for France.

After his departure she had written him again and again. At first the replies were received as regularly as clockwork, then had come silence, unbroken silence. All attempts to locate him had been in vain and the corroding agony of suspense grew upon her. Finally she had volunteered as a Red Cross nurse for foreign service, and there found partial surcease from personal sorrow. Now she was on her way and she was going home. Going home, to what?

With a start she came to herself. The bus had reached Kensington, and the lieutenant in the service of the United States stood beside a London bookstall, idly turning the leaves of a book of poems. His eyes caught the following lines:

"Come down to Kew in lilac time, in lilac time.
It isn't far from London."

He read absorbedly to the end of the book, then turned it. Turning with sudden decision he asked the bookseller how he could reach Kew. The bookseller gave him the necessary directions and advised him to go by all means to see the famed beauty of the gardens.

The young man thanked him and purchased the book of poems. The next bus that rumbled along toward Kensington found him on its top, immersed in deep thought. His mind was far away in a little New England village which he had not seen for over a year.

There stood a familiar white and lavender lilac bushes, and beside them a girl in a frock to match, her laughing face bent over the lovely blooms.

He swung off the bus at Kew and strolled down the winding paths, enjoying the rustic solitude to the utmost. He turned a corner and came upon the lilac filling the air with magic sweetness. This was familiar, this was home, and all that was needed to complete the picture was the girl, looking up at him with the twilight shining in the depths of her eyes.

Still held by the enchantment of his dream, he turned and saw a girl sitting on one of the garden benches with her hand to her forehead. She raised her head and he saw her face. As recognition came he swiftly stretched out his arms and she flew to them like a homing bird, too hungry to be surprised. So swiftly had the dreams of both become reality that there was no consciousness of abrupt transition.

One hour later a squirrel slipped out from behind the bushes and cocked his head to one side. He was watching this couple who were so close together on the park bench, so quiet, save for the low murmur of voices and soft laughter.

The man had explained the long silence in a way which increased the girl's love and interest. He had seen on a secret service mission of great danger, which had made it impossible for him to communicate with any one. He had since been promoted and cited for bravery.

Then came the story of their appearance in the garden, and he unwrapped the book of poems. Two heads came together and the listening squirrel heard words which sounded strangely like this:

"Come down to Kew in lilac time, in lilac time.
It isn't far from London."
And the man, the girl and the squirrel all agreed with the poet that it was an excellent thing to do.

Next complete novelette—"A Woman's Way."

Adventures With a Purse

I WAS passing one of the nicest shops in the city, and there in the window were two jersey sport suits. One in particular was a beautiful shade of blue and the coat was made with the long tuxedo front. On the suit was the price, \$20. "That must be for the coat alone," I mentally decided. For this shop is a rather expensive one. But the \$20 is the price of the whole suit. The reason I tell you about it is that since the prices of these suits are so low, I would strongly advise you to look here if you need a suit, for at this shop you get a certain something—the turn of a skirt, the cut of a coat—that distinguishes a suit from any number of the same kind. Here will you find style and individuality.

It is interesting to go through the jewelry departments of the shops and see the new chains and bracelets that are forever appearing. It is some as if in no other article does the fertile imagination of the artist have such sway. There seems to be something new every day. These chains I want you to know about are very nice. The chains themselves are of long, narrow silver-finished links, chains that extend well below the waist. For pendant they have a rich, colorful bunch of grapes, with broad silver leaves. These clusters come in purple, green or brown and make attractive ornaments. The price of the chains is \$5.00.

And at the next counter is a particularly pretty ribbon for the woman who likes ornaments, but who cannot find a word to have real value. The ribbon is black grosgrain edged on each side with a narrow line of white. And attached to the ribbon is a large ornament of deep green and in fact chains through a hole closely resembling jade. The color combination of the black and white and green will appeal to you. The price will interest you, too—\$1.00 for plain and ornament complete.

For names of shops address Woman's Page or the Women's Column.

Organ Plays at 9, 11 and 4:50
Chimes at Noon
WANAMAKER'S DOWN STAIRS STORE WANAMAKER'S WEATHER Unsettled

Prices Throughout The Down Stairs Store Are Mostly 15 to 66 Per Cent Less Than Last Year at This Time

EVERYBODY remembers how it was the Wanamaker organization that a year ago, with their famous 20 per cent deduction movement, put an end to price-raising throughout the United States. It was a patriotic, costly movement, undertaken and carried out against the most bitter and vigorous opposition.

It started the fall of prices. It checked profiteers. It was a success. It was in the interest of the public and it was bound to succeed.

Following that movement, the Wanamaker stores, upstairs and downstairs, have straight along insisted upon lower prices from manufacturers, and with every invoice of new goods at lower rates everything similar in our stocks came down to the new basis. In this way the vast Wanamaker stocks have been for months replaced by 100 per cent new goods at lower prices.

The list herewith, of standard, mostly non-special merchandise in the

Down Stairs Store, indicates the tremendous drop in prices which has taken place in every part of this Lower Price Store within the last year.

In most cases prices are 20 per cent, 25 per cent, 33 1/2 per cent, 50 per cent and even 66 per cent less. Not only are costs less, but qualities are better, so that the difference is even greater than a mere comparison of last year's and this year's figures shows.

The items in this list are taken largely from regular stock and do not represent the additional savings to be had on special lots of merchandise. Therefore, they clearly show where the Down Stairs Store stands in the ranks of price-lowering—where it, being indissolubly part of the Wanamaker business, has ever stood when the interest of its customers has been concerned.

The Down Stairs Store will start its powerful May Sales next Monday, and people will come hundreds of miles from all directions to take advantage of them.

Showing How the Prices of Muslin, Sheets, Towels Have Come Down

Seamless sheets, 81x90 inches, that last year were \$2.50 are now \$1.25. —Central.
Bleached white muslin, 36 inches wide, that last year was 45c a yard is now 25c. —Central.

Unbleached muslin, 36 inches wide, that last year was 42c a yard is now 15c. —Central.

White satin-finish bedspreads, 78x88 inches, that last year were \$6 are now \$2.75. —Central.

Pillow cases, 42x36 inches and 45x36 inches, that last year were 45c each are now 25c. —Central.

Turkish towels, 22x44 inches, plain white, that last year were \$1.50 are now 50c. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Women's Blouses Have Come Down

Striped tub silk blouses of the kinds that were \$4.90 last year are now \$2.90. —Market.

White voile blouses, in various styles, were \$2.50 last year, blouses of the same quality are now \$1.65. —Market.

Showing How the Prices of Women's Skirts and Coats Have Come Down

Gleaming Baronet skirts that last year were \$15 are now \$8.75. —Market.

Mercerized white gabardine skirts of the quality that last year was \$3.75 are now \$2.50. —Market.

White Venetian skirts of the quality that last year was \$4.75 are now \$3.50. —Market.

Women's polo coats of the quality that last year was \$48 are now \$29. —Market.

Bolivia wraps of the quality that last year was \$89 are now \$55. —Market.

Wool velour-wraps of qualities that last year were \$29 are now \$16.50. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Flouncing, Handkerchiefs and Neckwear Have Come Down

Georgette crepe, 40 inches wide, in all colors, that last year was \$3 a yard is now \$1.75 a yard. —Central.

Accordion-pleated voile flouncing, 35 inches wide, that last year was \$2 a yard is now \$1.25 a yard. —Central.

Men's linen handkerchiefs of the kinds that last year were 50c are now 25c. —Central.

Women's plain white linen handkerchiefs were 25c last year; a better quality is now 15c. —Central.

Women's colored linen handkerchiefs that last year were 55c are now 35c. —Central.

Women's white linen embroidered handkerchiefs that last year were 35c are now 18c. —Central.

Neckwear, collar-and-cuff sets, collars, vests, etc., that last year were 75c and \$1 are now 50c. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Yard Goods Have Come Down

Figured and striped percale, 36 inches wide, that last year was 50c a yard is now 25c a yard. —Central.

Organdie, in many colors, 40 inches wide, that last year was 60c a yard is now 35c a yard. —Central.

Plaid, striped and checked gingham, 32 inches wide, that last year was 55c a yard is now 30c a yard. —Central.

White voile, 44 inches wide, that last year was 75c a yard is now 48c a yard. —Central.

Printed voile, 36 inches wide, of the quality that last year was 55c a yard is now 38c a yard. —Central.

Silks, Also

Taffeta, 36 inches wide, in various colors, that last year was \$3 a yard is now \$2 a yard. —Central.

Crepe de chine, 39 inches wide, that last year was \$2.50 a yard is now \$1.65 a yard. —Central.

All-silk striped shirting, 36 inches wide, that last year was \$2.50 a yard is now \$1.40 a yard. —Central.

Foulard, 36 inches wide, that last year was \$3 a yard is now \$2 a yard. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Children's Clothes Have Come Down

Heavy dark blue overalls, for children of 8 to 8 years, that last year were \$2.50 are now \$1.50. —Central.

White madras creepers, for babies of 1 year to 3 years, that last year were \$1.35 are now \$1. —Central.

Boys' regulation suits, of a durable blue cotton suiting, sizes 3 to 8 years, were last year \$4.50; suits of a similar quality now \$3. —Central.

Little girls' plain-color gingham frocks, sizes 2 to 6 years, of the kinds that last year were \$4 are now \$2. —Central.

Children's navy serge coats, sizes 2 to 6 years, of the kind that last year was \$10.50 now \$7.50. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Women's Corsets and Underclothes Have Come Down

Women's corsets of the kinds that last year were \$2.50 and \$3 are now \$1.50. —Central.

Royal Worcester corsets that last year were \$2.50 are now \$2. —Central.

Front-lace Gossard corsets that last year were \$5 are now \$3.75. —Central.

Adora corsets that last year were \$2 are now \$1.50. —Central.

Georgette crepe envelope chemises, in pretty colors, of the kinds that last year were \$5 are now \$3.85. —Central.

Bloomers, of pink or white batiste, that last year were 75c are now 50c. —Central.

Envelope chemises, of white nainsook, of the kinds that last year were \$2.50 are now \$1.50. —Central.

Women's nightgowns, of white nainsook, plain or trimmed, of the kinds that last year were \$2 are now \$1.50. —Central.

Women's white petticoats, with embroidered flounces, that last year were \$1.50 are now 85c. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Aprons and House Dresses Have Come Down

Plaid gingham bungalow aprons of the kinds that last year were \$2.50 are now \$1.50. —Central.

Striped percale house dresses of the kinds that last year were \$2 are now \$1.50. —Central.

Gingham house dresses of the kinds that last year were \$3 are now \$2. —Central.

Kimonos of cool cotton challis of the kinds that last year were \$2.50 are now \$1.50. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Hosiery and Underwear Have Come Down

Men's mercerized black cotton half hose that last year were 35c a pair are now 15c. —Gallery, Market.

Children's union suits, Summer weight, sizes 2 to 12 years, that last year were \$1.25 are now \$1. —Central.

Women's full-fashioned silk stockings, in black and colors, that last year were \$2.50 are now \$1.75. —Central.

Women's vests, fine rib, Summer weight, that last year were 35c are now 20c. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Women's Fashionable Dresses Have Come Down

Women's gingham dresses of the kinds that last year were \$6.50 are now \$4.50. —Market.

Flowered voile dresses that last year were \$12 are now \$5.75. —Market.

Navy satin dresses of the kinds that last year were \$15 are now \$8.75. —Market.

Tricolette dresses of the kinds that last year were \$25 are now \$12. —Market.

Serge dresses of the kinds that last year were \$15 are now \$6.50. —Market.

Women's extra-size navy serge dresses of the quality that last year was \$25 are now \$13.50. —Market.

Showing How the Prices of Women's Suits Have Come Down

Women's serge suits of the kinds that last year were \$35 are now \$25. —Market.

Tweed suits that were \$37.50 last year are now \$25. —Market.

Well-tailored tricotine suits of the kinds that last year were \$75 are now \$55. —Market.

Wool jersey suits of the kinds that last year were \$25 are now \$15. —Market.

Pin-stripe navy suits of the kinds that last year were \$37.50 are now \$25. —Market.

Showing How the Prices of Rugs Have Come Down

Hit-or-miss rag rugs, 9x12 feet, that last year were \$19.50 are now \$11.75. —Central.

Wool-and-fiber rugs, 9x12 feet, that last year were \$22.50 are now \$15. —Central.

Tapestry Brussels rugs, 9x12 feet, that last year were \$30 are now \$17.50. —Central.

Seamless velvet rugs, 9x12 feet, that last year were \$60 are now \$32.50. —Central.

Seamless Axminster rugs, 9x12 feet, that last year were \$70 are now \$37.50. —Central.

Other rugs are proportionately down in price.

Showing How the Prices of Women's Shoes Have Come Down

Women's tan Oxford ties of the kind that last year were \$7.50 are now \$5.40 a pair. —Central.

Women's black Oxfords with wing tips that last year were \$9.60 are now \$7.75 a pair. —Central.

Women's black calf and kid lightweight high shoes that last year were \$9.60 are now \$6.90. —Central.

Women's tan calfskin brogue Oxfords that last year were \$9.90 are now \$7.75. —Central.

Women's patent and dull leather pumps of the kinds that were \$7.50 last year are now \$2.50. —Central.

Women's white Oxford ties with imitation wing tips that last year were \$8.90 are now \$6.90 a pair. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Boys' Clothing Have Come Down

Boys' all-wool suits, sizes 7 to 18 years, with one pair of trousers, were last year \$18.75. Now, with two pair of trousers, they are \$13.75. —Gallery, Market.

Boys' all-wool suits, sizes 7 to 18 years, with two pair of trousers, were last year \$29.25; suits of a better quality are now \$18.75. —Gallery, Market.

Boys' khaki knickers of the quality that last year were \$1.85 are now \$1.25. —Gallery, Market.

Showing How the Prices of Millinery Have Come Down

Women's fashionable trimmed hats of the quality that last year was \$8 are now \$5. —Market.

Women's tailored sailors of the kinds that last year were \$3 are now \$2. —Market.

Children's hats of the kinds that last year were \$1.50 are now 75c. —Market.

Showing How the Prices of Handbags and Luggage Have Come Down

Handbags of leather and silk of the quality that last year was \$5 are now \$3 and \$3.50. —Central.

Enameled luggage of the kind that last year was \$5.50 is now \$4.50. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Toilet Articles Have Come Down

Tooth brushes that last year were 35c are now 25c. —Central.

Tooth brushes that last year were 75c are now 50c. —Central.

Hair brushes that last year were \$1 are now 75c. —Central.

Soap that last year was 30c a cake is now 20c a cake. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Things for the Home Have Come Down

Curtain scrim, 36 inches wide, in white or cream, that last year was 30c a yard is now 20c a yard. —Central.

Cretonne, 36 inches wide, of the quality that last year was 55c a yard is now 25c a yard. —Central.

Cretonne, 36 inches wide, of the quality that last year was 90c to \$1.25 a yard is now 55c a yard. —Central.

Marquissette curtains, with hemstitched borders, of the quality that last year was \$3 a pair are now \$1.50 a pair. —Central.

Showing How the Prices of Men's Clothing Have Come Down

Men's all-wool chevot suits of the quality that last year was \$37.50 are now \$25. —Gallery, Market.

Men's all-wool separate trousers of the kinds that last year were \$7.50 and \$9.75 are now \$5 and \$6.50. —Gallery, Market.

Men's especially well-tailored all-wool suits of the quality that last year was \$53.50 are now \$37.50. —Gallery, Market.

Men's all-wool tweed overcoats for Spring and Summer wear were last year \$38.50. Better overcoats are now \$28.50. —Gallery, Market.

Showing How the Prices of Women's Gloves Have Come Down

Women's 12-button chamouis-lisle gloves, in fashionable colors, of the kinds that last year were \$2.25 a pair are now \$1.85 a pair. —Central.

Women's 8-button chamouis-lisle gloves that last year were \$1.85 a pair are now \$1.65 a pair. —Central.

2-clasp kidskin gloves, in white and colors, overseam sewn, of the kind that last year was \$3.75 a pair are now \$2.75 a pair. —Central.

2-clasp kidskin gloves, in white and colors, pique-sewn, of the kind that last year was \$4 a pair are now \$3 a pair. —Central.

Strap-wrist brown capeskin gloves, with full cuffs, that last year were \$6.50 a pair are now \$4.50 a pair. —Central.

16-button length white silk gloves that last year were \$2.75 are now \$2 a pair. —Central.