

### WELSH ARE COMING FOR EISTEDDFOD

Annual Musical Contests to Be Held at Academy, Starting January 2

#### FESTIVAL OF ANCIENT ORIGIN

Everything is ready for the twelfth annual Eisteddfod which will be held in the Academy of Music January 2. It need hardly be explained that the Eisteddfod is a Welsh Institution—a competitive festival of music, art and literature, and to this Philadelphia Eisteddfod will come singing societies and soloists from all parts of Pennsylvania and the surrounding States. There will be in all 1000 participants and prizes to the amount of \$2000 will be distributed. These will be variously for singing, songs, instrumental music, church anthems, compositions, essays, pen and ink sketches and art needle-work. The conductor or master of ceremonies will be Arch Druid Dr. William Sarsfield, of the American Gorsedd. The adjudicators will be H. Alexander Mat-

thews, organist of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, and Dr. Edward C. Broome, of Canada. The Eisteddfod as an institution dates from the times in Britain when the Romans were going out and the Saxons had not yet come in and the Normans were yet unheard of. Owain ap Maxon had been elected chief sovereign of Britain and, being himself a man of wide culture, he ordained these annual congresses of the bards. The first of which legend has left any account was held on the banks of the Conway in the sixth century under the aegis of Maelgwn Gwynedd, prince of North Wales. It is recorded how on this occasion Maelgwn, to prove the superiority of vocal music over instrumental music, offered a prize to such minstrels or bards who could swim the Conway and perform on their arrival at the opposite bank. The harpists were defeated because their instruments had been damaged by the water. A provincial Eisteddfod generally lasts three or four days.

#### TORCH APPLIED TO SCHOOL

Coal Hod Filled With Combustibles Is Found—\$300,000 Loss  
Fall River, Mass., Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—Fire of alleged incendiary origin totally destroyed the Henry Lord Grammar School here last night, entailing a loss estimated at more than \$300,000. One fireman was slightly injured by a falling wall. A coal hod, which fire officials said had been filled with inflammable material and ignited, was found on a landing between the first and second floors.

# Hundreds of Men and Young Men Wait for Strawbridge & Clothier's Winter Reduction Sale



## 4000 Suits and 1500 Overcoats

at Much Less Than the Season's Regular Low Prices, Including Close-out Purchases at Wholesale Prices

THE GREAT Annual Reduction Sale of Winter Clothing, formerly beginning January 1st, was planned this year to start immediately after Christmas—and the enthusiasm witnessed in the Clothing Store since early this morning proves that we planned wisely and well. Young men home from school or college, men spending the holidays in the city, men who can come most conveniently at this time from nearby towns, and hundreds of city men who are waiting for this Sale, are glad of the opportunity to profit by these wonderful values NOW.



### Handsome Winter Suits and Overcoats

Now Sharply Reduced to... **\$38.50**

Suits of soft worsted fabrics in a variety of those clean-cut styles now preferred by up-to-the-minute young men. The Overcoats are chiefly in ulster effect, of handsome plain-back and plaid-back fabrics.

### Many of Our Fine Suits and Overcoats

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A variety of Suits for men and young men. The Overcoats are exceedingly rich and fine in every detail of fabric, tailoring and finish. A good assortment of sizes to begin with.

### Several Hundred Handsome Overcoats

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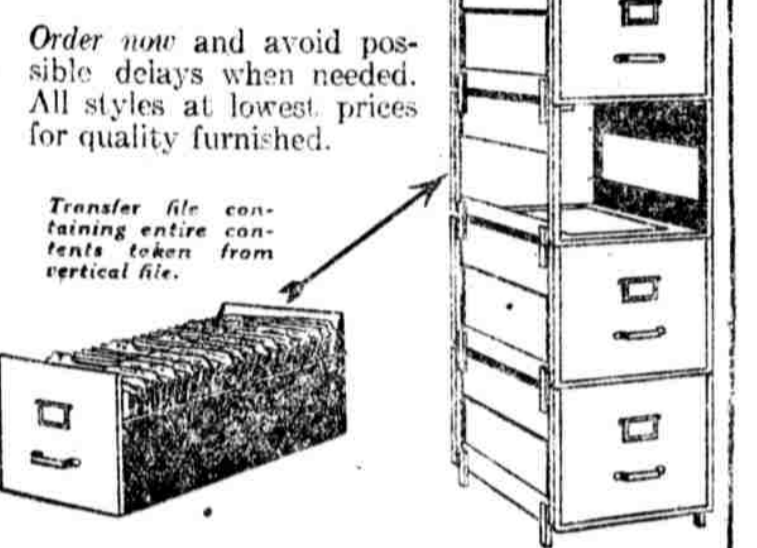
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All types of single- and double-breasted Suits; Ulsters, Ulsterette and Chesterfield Overcoats in a wealth of fabrics beyond description. Practically all sizes—in generous quantities—to start with.

### Hundreds of Fine Suits and Overcoats

Now Sharply Reduced to... **\$28.50**

Handsome new Suits and Overcoats, in a variety of styles and fabrics to satisfy every taste—up-to-the-minute and conservative. Savings in this group average one-third as based on regular prices. All sizes to start with.

### Hundreds of Fine Suits and Overcoats

Now Sharply Reduced to... **\$32.50**

The Suits include "California"—weight garments worn the year-around by many men. Some in advance spring styles. Overcoats include heavy Ulsters and smart Ulsterettes of rich fabrics.

And the savings are really extraordinary! Every Suit and every Overcoat in the Sale bears a label which is a GUARANTEE of EXCELLENCE—our standard, high-class regular lines. The greater part of the Clothing in the Sale is from our regular winter stock marked at VERY DECISIVE REDUCTIONS from our fair prices of this season, but a considerable portion comes directly from the tailor shops—manufacturers' over-lots on hand in anticipation of reorders, closed out to us at a concession and marked at ABOUT WHOLESALE PRICES.

IMPORTANT—Never in any reduction sale have we been able to offer such large quantities and assortments of UNUSUAL SIZES—for stout, short, tall and slender men—in addition to the hundreds in regular proportions. Surely, every man can be fitted.

### Some of Our Finest Overcoats, Now \$62.50

Handsome Chesterfield and Ulster Overcoats of the finest fabric produced by American and foreign looms. Superlative in every quality essential—cut, fabric and finish. Satin lining.

### Suits With Two Pairs of Trousers

**\$23.50 \$29.50 \$32.50**

More than 1000 Suits—as smart or as conservative in style and fabric as any modern young man of reserved taste could wish for. They are of worsteds, cassimeres and silk mixtures, tailored with exacting care. The extra pair of trousers with each Suit insures extra wear. All sizes. REDUCTIONS AVERAGE ONE-THIRD.

## The Clearance Sales of Women's Winter Apparel Have Started Out in Earnest

Right at the height of winter, come our great clearance reductions on Winter Apparel—more than three months of wearing time ahead, and the reductions all on the kinds of garments that you probably intended to buy as soon as the Christmas activities had subsided somewhat. AND SUCH REDUCTIONS. We don't need to tell you former prices or current prices to give an idea of the value—just examine the merchandise.

### Smart Crepe de Chine Dresses—now \$18.75

In navy blue, brown and black with rows of Paisley silk trimming on the apron-draped tunic. Collarless neck-line, long bishop sleeves finished with tiny cuffs, narrow crepe de chine sash.

### Plaited Crepe de Chine Dresses—now \$22.50

Straight-line model plaited from neck to hem and forming loose panels on the skirt—very attractive. New style sleeves with narrow, close-fitting cuffs. Finished with novel trimming braid. Black, navy and brown.

### Fine Party Dresses—now \$17.50 to \$60.00

Velvet, chiffon, Canton crepe and taffeta; bouffant and straight-line styles, many beaded or trimmed with silver lace. Black and bright colors.

### Fine Wool Velour Suits—now \$22.50

Unbelted models on long, semi-fitting lines, beautifully tailored and lined with peau de cygne. Black, navy, brown and taupe.

### High-Grade Suits—now \$40.00 to \$275.00

Many exclusive single models. Suits of such luxurious materials as mousseline, druet de laine, whip-poor-will, mocha, velvet, pannelaine, caracul cloth, marvella and divetine, beautifully embroidered and fur-trimmed.

### Smart Bolivia Coats—now \$20.00

Fine Coats of a lustrous Bolivia cloth, in navy, brown and black; with attractively stitched collar and bell sleeves, and silk-lined throughout. Also a few single models of exceptional value in this lot.

### Plain-Tailored Tweed Coats—now \$25.00

Plain-tailored Tweed Coats, in brown, Oxford, navy and black, in three-quarter length, with body and sleeves lined. Also a few odd lots of Coats, including some of Bolivia.

### Fine Fur-Collar Coats—now \$35.00

Bolivia Coats in brown, navy and black, made in attractive all-around belted style, with deep collar of fur that closes up well at the throat, and elegantly silk-lined throughout.

### Fur-Collar Bolivia Coats—now \$37.50

The regular fair price for these Coats is \$50.00. All of Bolivia in brown and navy, a few in black. Beautiful collar of natural opossum. Elegant silk lining throughout.

### Lustrous Seal Plush Coats—now \$25.00

Belted-back, loose-front Coats, slightly more than hip-length, with deep collar closing up well at the throat and beautifully silk-lined throughout.

### Porto Rican Hand-Made Blouses at \$3.00

EXCELLENT VALUE. Hand-tucked, hand-embroidered and with beautiful designs of hand-drawn work. Several models in vest effect and all finished with beautiful stitching.

### Tailored Pongee Blouses at \$3.00

Some very snugly tailored, others plaited, softened by a little lace edging or plaiting or a touch of drawn-work—remarkable value at \$3.00.

### Important Reductions in the Misses' Wear Store

Substantial reductions in prices that have been the fairest in the city all season for garments of the high character and style distinction of these. These are the Suits, Dresses and Coats that you find only in highly specialized Misses' Wear stores.

### Misses' Smart Suits Reduced to \$23.50

Velours in two-tone suitings, in brown, red-rose and blue, silk-lined and interlined, and with beaverette collar. Sizes 14 to 18 years.

### Misses' Fine Suits—now \$45.00 to \$65.00

Fine velour, druet de laine, valaine and mousseline—only one of a kind, and all with fur collars. Sizes 14 to 18 years.

### Fine Coats and Wraps—\$65.00 to \$95.00

Wrap Coats with black caracul collar and cuffs. Also smart belted Coats with wolf collars. Of fine pannelaine, marvella, Kashmir-Radiant, ermine and Normandie. Sizes 14 to 18 years.

### Afternoon & Dance Frocks—\$29.50 to \$55

Misses' Afternoon Dresses of velveteen, black lace and light tinted Canton Crepe and various combinations. Dance Frocks of chiffon, taffeta and satin. Sizes 14 to 18 years.

### Girls' Smart Winter Coats—now \$29.50

Bolivia Coats, brown and Sorrento blue, full-lined and interlined; lovely fur collar. Sizes 8 to 16 years.

### Seasonable Knit Underwear For Men, Women, Children

Knit Underwear for all the family. And you will be interested to see how inexpensive these substantial kinds are:

**FOR WOMEN—**  
Ribbed Cotton Union Suits, low neck, sleeveless. Sizes 7 and 8—75c.  
Light-weight, ribbed cotton Union Suits, low neck, sleeveless, knee- or ankle-length. Regular sizes—\$1.00.  
Ribbed Merino Union Suits, low neck, sleeveless, ankle-length, \$2.50; extra size—\$2.75.

**FOR MEN—**  
Heavy-weight, grey merino Shirts and Drawers—\$1.50 and \$2.25 each.  
Heavy-weight, extra ribbed cotton Union Suits—\$2.00.  
All-wool grey Union Suits, heavy weight—\$5.00.

**FOR CHILDREN—**  
Boys' grey ribbed cotton Union Suits—\$1.00 to \$1.25.  
Children's Ribbed Cotton Waist Union Suits—\$1.00.

### Nemo Corsets and Brassieres

Thousands of larger women will wear no other kind. They have found Nemo Corsets—  
—Fashionable in line  
—Mechanizing in effect  
—Exceptionally comfortable  
—Giving unusually long wear  
—Fitted with special features that promote health.

We shall be glad to fit you in the correct Nemo model.

**Wonder-lift Corsets—**  
MODEL 851, with low bust, long bias and elastic inserts in back. Broad bands of Lastikon Webbing across the front extend below the front steels, supporting weak abdominal muscles and reducing superfluous flesh. Price—\$8.00  
Other Wonder-lift Models—\$6.50 to \$13.50  
Self-Reducing—\$5.00 to \$9.00  
Kop Service—\$5.00 to \$9.00  
Back-Resting—\$5.00  
Nemo Girdlet Brassieres—\$1.50 to \$5.00

### Boys' Warm Sleeping Suits

Outing Flannel Pajamas, warm and practical for cold nights.  
One-piece Pajamas—\$1.25  
Two-piece Pajamas—\$1.50  
Two-piece Pajamas, made in our own factory—exceptionally fine—\$2.00  
OF COTTON, PONGEE, Two-piece Pajamas, in pink, blue or white—\$1.25.  
OF WHITE MADRAS, Two-piece Pajamas—\$1.75.

### Peace Metal Weather Strips

—Will keep out cold, stop all draughts, prevent rattling windows and exclude dust. They quickly save their moderate first cost by cutting down fuel bills. Can be installed in any weather without discomfort to dwellers.