

GERMAN LEADERS' STORIES
OTHER RANKS

Much More to Be Feared Than
All of Her Foreign Enemies Combined.

LOEWES LETTER SHOWS IT

To the Full Satisfaction of the Anti-Semites, at Any Rate.

Their Leaders Preparing to Use It and the Gun Maker's Confirmation as Their Trump Card.—The Explanation Does Her Loewe More Harm Than the Publication of His Famous Letter.—All Parties in Germany Unite in Denouncing So Unpatriotic an Action as That of the Gunsmith.—A Sample of the Attacks on Him and His Race—Interesting Gossip Cabled From the German Capital.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—[Copyright.]—Fortune is again fighting the battle of the Hebrews. The impetus given to the anti-Semitic movement by Altkwards's trial and election to the Reichstag, the vote of immunity passed by the House, and the intemperate action of the Conservative conference has been redoubled by the publication of the Loewe-Boulangier affair.

When Herr Loewe's letter, as published in the Paris Figaro, was first telegraphed to this city, it was received on all sides with incredulity. Even the extreme Hebrew-haters were inclined to doubt its accuracy. When, however, Loewe acknowledged in print the authenticity of the letter, even moderate newspapers and politicians were swept into the current of anti-Semitic denunciation.

Not an army of shoemakers, nor generations of Altkwards, nor all the Kreuzzeitungs published since the Franco-Prussian War could have aroused such widespread and profound indignation as the wretched evasion with which Loewe tried to excuse his offer to help arm France when she was apparently on the verge of war with Germany.

Handiwork of Astute Politicians. The anti-Semitic leaders are astute politicians, and they are preparing to play the Figaro letter as a trump card. Already they have solicited contributions of money that may be enabled to buy the original. So much money has been received from wealthy Conservatives already that yesterday negotiations were in progress with the Figaro, and probably the end of this week will see the letter in Berlin. A fac simile will then be published far and wide and the anti-Semitic sheets throughout the Empire. Placards with the fac simile of the original and Loewe's discreditable reply will be struck by the thousands and posted where voters too poor to buy newspapers may read them.

The committee in charge of the anti-Semitic raid professes to have letters condemning Loewe from some of the first statesmen of Germany, and say that these, too, will be reproduced, to show the people what the foremost men of the Empire think of the gunmaker and his action. Loewe's Hardest Blow to Himself. Here in Berlin, Loewe has injured himself more by his attempted explanation of the Figaro letter than he has done by the letter itself. Even among the most moderate public men and party leaders there is but one opinion, and it is that Loewe's statement showed him to be ignorant of the first principles of patriotism. In editorial rooms throughout the Empire there is practical unanimity in the same opinion. Three or four Berlin newspapers, backed by Hebrew capital and held to a strictly radical policy by the business interests of their stockholders, have expressed the conviction that patriotism ends where business begins, and that Loewe was justifiable in his action. Outside of this circle, however, Clerical, Conservative, and Liberal alike, and the National Liberal editors have only words of bitter denunciation for the cosmopolitan gunmaker. The Coelbisch Zeitung voiced the feelings of the most temperate citizens yesterday, in a long leader which said:

A Sample of the Newspaper Comment. At the time when the letter was written by Herr Loewe to Boulangier the Loewe Company was occupied exclusively with the manufacture of machinery. Nevertheless, despite Herr Loewe's explanations, we are compelled to regard with deep regret the outrage of national feeling brought to light by the offer contained in the letter. The most dangerous weapon wielded by anti-Semitic agitators in their efforts to bring Judaism to the attention of the people of Germany, and that it continues to pursue the will-o'-the-wisp of an exclusive and privileged Hebrew nation. Everybody not desirous of seeing the German people misled to religious and race hatred must be able to see the danger of such a course. Sentiments of Judaism in press, parliament and commerce are strengthened by such lies as this through the influence of fanatics.

The offer of the Loewes was made at a time when a general panic was spreading through the civilized world. In Paris appeared the book "Avant la Bataille." Desolations were making their great tour of action in Russia and other countries. Boulangier stood at the head of the French navy. The Loewe letter may be said to date back to 1888, but the distribution among the troops was not finished until 1889. The French Government felt the necessity of hastening the manufacture as rapidly as possible. This manufacture required a machine of extraordinary exactitude and complexity. Very few factories were capable of making such a costly machine, and the directors of the Loewe Company to make his offer was very great. Loewe's letter may be said to date back to 1888, but the distribution among the troops was not finished until 1889.

Not Used to Arming Their Enemies. The representatives of Judaism ought to take more trouble than the Germans themselves to avoid everything calculated to arouse popular suspicion as to the sterling quality of their patriotism. So far as we are aware, no German establishment supplies war materials to France. The Schieffelin yards supply torpedo boats and Gruson works supply guns to Russia, and in ordinary times we have nothing to say against such proceedings. The case of Loewe, however, is different. In view of our political feeling toward France, and especially in view of the critical condition of our international relations at the time of the affair.

It is common among some anti-semitic fanatics still alive to believe honestly that the historical buying of wood and building of barracks near our border, the Melinitsche, the Lebel rifle scare, the Boulangier and Dronolede matters, were all simply inventions of Prince Bismarck, who planned them in order that he might pass the reputation by means of the war alarms thus created. As a matter of fact, then, as often used in his eventful life, Prince Bismarck used for the good of the Fatherland and his own patriotic purposes the circumstances of the hour. At all events, Herr Loewe would have been not only wiser but also much more loyal had he resisted the temptation to increase his business by serving the French purposes of revenge. The matter has done A. Loewe no harm. An interesting service. The words "Label" and "Loewe" will be the war cries of the anti-Semitic agitators for years to come.

Proposed Law to Cover Such Cases. The Kreuzzeitung thinks that the Figaro revelations justify the Hebrew-baiting declarations of the Conservative conference, and gives currency to the report of a bill to

be introduced by the anti-Semites in the Reichstag, to the effect that no manufacturer of war materials in Germany be allowed to supply the arms to anti-foreign powers. Such a measure will overthrow the mark, and it would inflict an immense loss of trade on Krupp and other makers of big guns or small arms. This bill will be undoubtedly defeated. It will, however, afford the anti-Semitic demagogues a rare opportunity to keep the Loewe matter before the country, and thus serve the purposes of the Conservative anti-Semites.

The breach in the Conservative party has been widened beyond the hope of repair by the anti-Semitic resolutions of the party conference. The independent Conservatives have cut loose from the old organization, and to elect 21 deputies under the leadership of Freiherr von Helldorf, have come out formally as a party which will go its own way with the same claims to recognition as the Clericals or National Liberals. The principal declaration of the new party's platform favors religious education in the public schools and opposition to social Democratic doctrine, both in and out of Parliament.

Bismarck's Garrulity Denounced. Prince Bismarck's garrulity in the society of French newspaper correspondents has elicited some severe newspaper comments from the German press. The National Zeitung finds especially reprehensible his statement that Germany might best relinquish France all Africa, between Tunis and the Congo. Such a course, says the National, would merely embitter the relations between France and Italy, to the latter's disadvantage, without bringing any benefit to Germany. The Hamburger Nachrichten, for Prince Bismarck, ridicules the view of the situation, and asks why Germany should consider it her duty to improve the relations between France and Italy. It would be clearly to Germany's advantage, the inspired editor adds, to give France plenty to do in Africa, and thus probably divert her thoughts from Alsace and Lorraine. It would not matter a button's worth whether France and Italy were estranged or not, in consequence of such a course, for Germany was under no obligation to help Italy in case of trouble in Africa. On the other hand, an Anglo-African understanding would be of great advantage to Germany.

Cutting Cynicism of the Iron Prince. The Government is especially irritated by the cynicism with which Bismarck refers to Germany's readiness to abandon Italy to her fate in a war with France over an African question. At the same time, especially when the Triple Alliance is attacked daily by Italians who were formerly its friends, Bismarck's words, the Government fears, will have an exceptionally unfortunate influence.

Men of the ex-Chancellor's immediate entourage believe, as usual, that he opened his mouth only to tell the Foreign Office valuable diplomatic truths. They say that something or another will make a deal with Italy by giving her a strong foothold in Africa, possibly Tunis. French statesmen are said to believe that within a generation Italy will be a republic, in sympathy with the Church, and a natural ally of France and Russia. Bismarck's utterances are supposed to show that he shares this view.

Switzerland's course in resisting France's bullying in the commercial negotiations between the two countries is supposed to be supplied from the German Foreign Office. The prospect is that a tariff war will flourish with the new year, as Swiss critics are thoroughly aroused against the action of the French Government. Such a war would be a boon to German and Italian trade.

A Big Steamship Probably Lost. All hope of the Bremen steamship Peiho, long overdue, has been abandoned. She carried a full crew and cargo, also the anti-Semitic agitator, and was on a wedding trip around the world. The Peiho sailed from a Brazilian port, and was last spoken in the neighborhood of a large iceberg. The most of her crew were residents of Bremen. It is believed that the Bremen people are likely to increase still more rapidly, in view of the new immigration regulations of the United States not cut out of the steerage business entirely.

Brokers in Southern and Western Germany are holding meetings to protest against the increase of the beer tax by some \$8,000,000 to help pay the extra expense contemplated by the military bill. A society has been formed to protest against increasing interests in the south and west of the Empire.

MORE SCANDAL COMING. De Lesseps and His Colleagues Refused Release on Bail. PARIS, Dec. 18.—The report was circulated last evening that Senator Jules Guichard would be made President of the Suez Canal Company in the place of Charles de Lesseps, now in Mazas prison awaiting trial for complicity in the Panama Canal frauds. Application was made to Magistrate Franqueville to-day to release De Lesseps, Sans Leroy and Fontaine on bail. Responsible bondsmen were ready to sign the papers, but the magistrate refused even to discuss the possibility of such a release. He added that nobody would be allowed to see the prisoners until after the examination of the documents seized in their offices.

The Jour understands that to-morrow the Chamber will be asked to authorize the prosecution of several deputies. Among 12 persons to whom such an authorization would apply, the Jour says, are three Senators and three deputies who belonged to the guarantee syndicate. The examining magistrate is about to summon Jules Delahaye to substantiate the charge made by him before the Chamber and the Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry. This examination is likely to cause serious results in the Chamber. M. Delahaye still maintains the truth of his accusation that 150 Deputies and Senators were bought with 3,000,000 francs, when the lottery bonds bill was under consideration. The decisive vote in the committee on the lottery bonds bill, he says, was bought for 200,000 francs. He also professes to have a mine of exact information as to the purchases of editors, one of them a foreigner, whose price was 500,000 francs. The weakness of the case so far has been that he has refused to give the names of the bribe-takers, and when pressed for them has taken refuge in the device of referring his questions to the Cabinet Ministers, who, he said, had the complete list. M. Andreux, formerly Prefect of Police, has challenged Deputy Arone to a duel, which will be fought to-morrow. The case is a bitter article against the ex-Prefect which M. Arone wrote for the Libre Parole. It transpires that, despite the fact that he was confined to his bed, de Lesseps was summoned to appear before the examining magistrate. He asked that the cross of the Legion of Honor be placed on his breast, and when this had been done he rose to leave the attendants dress him. Almost immediately he sank back on the bed and became delirious. Since then he has thought that the serving of the summons was only a dream. He is very feeble, both mentally and physically.

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THE CRISP INCIDENT

Taken as an Indication That Cleveland and the Machine Are

WIDER APART THAN EVER.

The Hill-Tammany Faction Tightening Their Grip at All Points.

ADVISEES KEPT AT ARM'S LENGTH

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The indications point more and more to an intention on the part of Democratic leaders here to run the federal and State "machines" on separate lines. The Crisp incident at the Reform Club dinner is one evidence that Cleveland's kith and kin are to have full sway at the White House, but beyond that is the perfectly plain purpose on Cleveland's part neither to invite nor accept suggestions from the Hill-Tammany machine. He believes he can get along without their aid. They feel confident, on the other hand, that they can get along without him. Not one of the Tammany men has been near Cleveland since the election. Should anyone look up the lists of callers upon the President-elect he will find that they are all of one type—the Mugwump—while the "boys" gather about Hill, Croker and Murphy. Even now Charles R. DeForest, the clerk of the Assembly and representative of Senator-to-be "Ed" Murphy, is in Washington with David B. Hill mapping out legislation for the Democratic majority at Albany and putting in shape several measures designed to perpetuate Democratic control of the offices in this city.

A Clash Certain Early in March. How long these two Democratic "machines" can keep on parallel lines is a question. They are maintained there now because one of them is not in operation, but a clash is as certain to follow Cleveland's inauguration as night is to follow day. Tammany is entrenching itself in power here in preparation for the fight, and before Cleveland gets into the White House the Legislature will have passed laws giving Mayor-elect Gilroy absolute control of the city departments, with no appeal from his decision and no necessity for "changes" in order to displace the stalwarts or lesser officials. The police force, too, is to be "reorganized," or, in other words, made entirely Tammany. Croker's hand is on the reins of the city, and the State Hill is the directing force and Governor Flower carries out his plans. The canals are their chief source of power, for millions are annually expended on them. Ed Murphy's brother-in-law is in control there.

Tammanyizing New York. What is to be done by the Legislature in the way of Tammanyizing New York City government will be carried out also in other cities of the State. Hill's strength is in the cities. That is where the Democratic vote is. Livingston controls the counties, Buffalo, Ed Murphy controls Troy, Boss McLaughlin controls Brooklyn, the Arnot ring is supreme among Elmira Democrats, and so throughout the State. Hill benches are in the cities, and the Democratic party is to be made to feel that the Hill plan is to have enacted, under the guise of "home rule," laws that will give the Democratic heads of these city governments undisputed sway over the "stratagem" and where possible over the election machinery as well. The change made by the Legislature last winter in the Board of Election Inspectors is a sample of what is to be done elsewhere. The old law gave both parties equal representation on the board and the Police Commissioners had to accept as election inspectors the names handed to them by the two organizations. The new law has changed so that the board consists now of only three members, and the Police Commissioners select their own men. Two of them at least were out and Tammanyites at the last election, and the third was a Republican. But it was two to one at best.

With these unscrupulously partisan schemes spread wherever the "machine" is in power, and denied to cities not in their control, the Hill followers feel that they can hold their own against the Federal patronage to be dispensed by Cleveland. They rather hope, in fact, that the "stratagem" and the civil service ideas of which his idolators proclaim he is possessed. Their enforcement would mean scuttled railroads for the National rank and file, and Democrats would stick together long on a slender diet.

Machine Democrats Exasperated. Cleveland's actions are exasperating to a large number of Democrats who really believe in him and not in the machine. His letter to office-seekers before he went duck shooting was regarded by them as a piece of selfishness on the part of a third-term President who has established himself at his downtown office, with regular office hours, for those whom he sees because he has to. Word has gone out that one of his chances for a long friendly reception will be impeded by a call at the machine, even at the Mills building, where the President-elect has his "law" office, one is admonished to approach the throne with becoming modesty and humility. Several well-known Democrats entitled to his confidence, to some extent at least, have found their interview abruptly cut short when they touched on Cabinet suggestions. Cleveland gives the impression that he knows it all, and wants no advice as to the makeup of his circle of Cabinet counselors. Hence some surprises are looked for when the names are all announced.

Paper Made of Glass. To a thoughtful Japanese student must we make our bow for such a successful invention as this promises to become. An aquatic plant indigenous to his native country furnishes the proper material. The most noticeable feature of this paper is its wonderful transparency; this, added to unusual strength and tenacity, will doubtless render it an important article of traffic.

Ready to Be Electrocuted. SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Fred McGuire, who murdered Mrs. Amelia Gregory at Middletown, October 14, 1891, and who is to die by electricity to-morrow, is apparently resigned to his fate. He passed his last Sunday very quietly. The keepers do not think he will break down when the time for the execution comes.

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ROOM and boarding-house keepers, why have you not one of our new 1-cent-a-word columns of THE DISPATCH will send you tenants. KAUFMANN'S open evenings this week.

DIED. FULTON—December 18, at 11:55 P. M., MORTON, daughter of Rev. J. L. and F. J. Fulton. Funeral services at the family residence, 383 Beaver avenue, Allegheny, on TUESDAY, at 7:30 P. M.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. Wanted. CHORUS ladies for Wilbur Opera Co. must be ready to start at 10 o'clock, Stage Manager, Harris Theater. DRUG CLERK—Registered Q. A. must be able to read and write. Address at once Noname, Dispatch office.

NOT DEAD MEN BUT RATS. The Small Which Originated Body-Snatching Stories. FAIRMONT, W. VA., Dec. 18.—[Special.]—Zachariah Gainer, the husband of the woman who eloped from Clarkburg with Frank Male, the murderer of her brother, passed through here last night en route to Youngtown, O., where it is thought the guilty couple have located. Gainer, who is well-to-do, engaged in the marble business, said: Male's murder of my brother-in-law was a most cowardly and atrocious one. He was arrested, and on his conviction for manslaughter was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. His term expired last October, when he returned to Clarkburg to live. On October 28 my wife left the place with him, leaving myself and eight children. She is the fourth woman this cowardly has eloped with, and I have at last got my business back again. He thought I can leave them for a time, and I'm going to see if there is any truth in the statement that they are living in Youngtown. I don't want the woman, but I want one crack at Male before I die.

FOR PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS. Archbishop Ryan Declares the System a Necessity. PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 18.—Archbishop Ryan is an interview says: "The daily education in religious truth is necessary. The daily school should combine instruction of the head and heart, secular education and religious. We cannot make concessions to any departure from the principle and we must insist that the true educational plan of the Catholic children is the one which happily combines the best of both worlds. There may be difference of opinion among the bishops as to the details of carrying out the purposes of the church, but on the main subject of combined religious and secular instruction there is but one view, and that is that the combination is essential and prerequisite."

A FRIGHTFUL WRECK. Eight Men Killed and Five Injured on the Great Northern. ALEXANDRIA, MINN., Dec. 18.—A frightful accident occurred on the Great Northern Railroad this morning at Nelson station, five miles east of here, in which eight men were killed and five were seriously injured. There had been a collision Friday morning at Nelson, and a number of cars were wrecked. The wreck train had been there two days clearing up, and was making up, preparatory to pulling out for the East. About 1 o'clock this morning the wreck train caboose was left standing on the main track with a number of cars. An east-bound freight was due about 1 o'clock, and had orders to sidetrack for the passenger train due at 12:40. There is a heavy grade west of the station, and as the freight train with 30 loads approached the switch, the engine was shut off and brakes called for, but the speed was too great to stop. The engine struck the wreck train, threw the caboose on top of the next car, setting both on fire. There were 14 men in the caboose. One jumped off, five were hurt, three were burned beyond recognition and four were killed. One was totally burned up, without a sign of his remains being found.

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CLEVELAND FREE TO ACT.

He Can Direct the Action of Monetary Delegation—Allison Says the Incoming Administration Should Have Time to Consider the Questions Before the Conference.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18.—After N. Di Renzi's motion had been proposed at the Monetary Conference yesterday, Senator Allison made a short speech in behalf of the United States delegation. He laid emphasis upon the fact that throughout the debate nobody had suggested that either of the money metals be discarded. During the adjournment, he said, the delegates would have time to study the Rothschild and other proposals that had been submitted. Continuing, he said: "Although the conference has been of brief duration, the discussions that have taken place have been of great value, and we think it wise to resume the deliberations after a recess. Any agreement at which the conference might arrive would probably require large concessions on our part. It is a matter of course that the Democratic administration which is about to come into office in the United States, and upon which the responsibility for such action would fall, should have an opportunity to direct the course of the United States delegates. It would consequently be advantageous to the United States, if the conference should adjourn long enough to enable the Government to consider what shall be done."

Mr. Bertrand Currie, of the British delegation, objected to the reassembling of the conference, on the ground that as three previous monetary conferences had failed, there was little prospect of the present one being a success. Sir C. Rivers Wilson, of the British delegation, concurred in the opinion of Mr. Currie. He said Great Britain reserves complete liberty of action. Sir William Houldsworth, also of the British delegation, said that he did not agree with Sir C. Rivers Wilson in the opinion that only one definite plan should be discussed. On the contrary, he thought that the conference ought to discuss all plans that had already been submitted. General Richard Strachey, of the Indian delegation, formally announced that during the recess of the conference the Indian Government would reserve to itself absolute freedom of action.

Senator Allison said that it was understood that the governments of all the nations concerned, including the United States, should reserve to themselves absolute independence in their respective monetary policies during the recess of the conference; that nobody was bound to anything; and that they all might employ the time in the interval as they thought proper. M. Di Renzi's proposal was then adopted and the conference adjourned.

HER BROTHER'S SLAYER. A West Virginia Woman Leaves Husband and Children for Him. PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 18.—[Special.]—Zachariah Gainer, the husband of the woman who eloped from Clarkburg with Frank Male, the murderer of her brother, passed through here last night en route to Youngtown, O., where it is thought the guilty couple have located. Gainer, who is well-to-do, engaged in the marble business, said: Male's murder of my brother-in-law was a most cowardly and atrocious one. He was arrested, and on his conviction for manslaughter was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. His term expired last October, when he returned to Clarkburg to live. On October 28 my wife left the place with him, leaving myself and eight children. She is the fourth woman this cowardly has eloped with, and I have at last got my business back again. He thought I can leave them for a time, and I'm going to see if there is any truth in the statement that they are living in Youngtown. I don't want the woman, but I want one crack at Male before I die.

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HOUSER'S CONFESSED CRIME.

A Prominent Wheeling Postoffice Employee Arrested for Stealing.

WHEELING, WEST VA., Dec. 18.—[Special.]—There was a decided sensation stirred up here to-day, by the reports that a postoffice employe was short in his accounts, or rather that he had been defrauding the Government, and to-night the matter came to a climax in the arrest of Harry Houser, Chief of the Carriers, on a United States Court warrant, charging him with stealing stamps and mail matter. He was also arrested on State warrants issued on information charging grand larceny. Houser is Secretary of the B. P. O. of Elks, a prominent K. of P. man, and was a candidate for mayor in the Republican primaries held here yesterday. He was well sustained too, although defeated. He sometimes served the most important business route of the city as mail carrier, and to accommodate the merchants used to sell them stamps. After his arrest to-night he admitted to THE DISPATCH correspondent that he had purloined stamps worth \$1,000, but he denied strenuously that he stole mail matter. The Government officers on the case, however, insist that the proof against him is so strong that there is no question about his guilt. They allege, also, that he took advantage of his position to steal cigars, shoes, pens, handkerchiefs, and in fact any and all kinds of plunder that he could corner.

His house has just been searched and it resembled a notion store with a holiday stock on hand. Houser did not deny his guilt, but says he can't tell why he did it. He has been released under bonds for a hearing. Hernandez Won't Die So Soon. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 18.—The report that Colonel Nieves Hernandez, who is charged with having aided Garza to escape, would be shot on Monday next, is incorrect. The case is now on appeal to the Supreme Military Court. The hearing of the appeal was originally fixed for Monday, but has been indefinitely postponed on account of the absence of the defendant's counsel.

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Dress Goods buyers last week appreciated our BARGAIN OFFERINGS in

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In addition to those, we have this week, in all colors, 1,560 Remnants

Of CLOTHS, SERGES, CASHMERES AND PLAIDS, in lengths of from (1) one yard to (8) eight, that will be sold at remnant prices this week.

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Last Saturday's sights and scenes on our third floor (which, by the way, is the largest clothing floor in the United States without exception) were certainly inspiring ones. It proves conclusively these three things, which we wish to emphasize as strongly as it is in our power: First—That when you see it in our "ad." it's true. Second—That people have confidence in our announcements. Third—That since our opening we have steadily kept faith with the public, and in no instance disappointed their expectations.

Those who have not yet had an opportunity of securing one of these Suits or Overcoats at the above price should come without delay. They will not, cannot, last long at this figure. Last Saturday proved it. You never saw clothing snapped up so quickly by eager buyers.

These SUITS AND OVERCOATS consist of the following: Single-breasted and double-breasted and straight cut sacks, one and three-button cutaways, made of the finest cassimeres, Worsteds, Cheviots, Homespins, etc., etc., beautifully lined with serges and Italians to match material. They're equal to those sold elsewhere for \$22.

Choice of all the Above AT \$15.00.

IMPORTED DOMESTIC MACKINTOSHES We cannot imagine a more appropriate gift than one of our elegant Mackintoshes. We have some exclusive patterns and choice styles. Prices range from \$5 to \$24.

OUR LIBERALITY TO CUSTOMERS KNOWS NO BOUNDS.

FREE A splendid gift with every purchase of a Suit or Overcoat. During this \$15 sale we will present a beautiful hardwood

MEDICINE CABINET, As illustrated by the accompanying cut. They come in polished Oak, Cherry and Walnut, are elegantly finished, with bevel-edged mirror, brass lock and key. This beautiful Cabinet will be found not only highly ornamental, but exceedingly useful as well. We have 500, all the manufacturer had. If you wish to secure one come quick.

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