

Smart & Silberberg.

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale.

Merciless Mark-Down
Now the Rule.

Our Semi-Annual Sales have always been epoch making from a money-saving standpoint. This year it will be an event of extraordinary power. The season just passed has been a remarkably busy one with us, and as a fitting climax we propose to end the first year in our new store with the Greatest Low Priced Sale Ever Known. Every article in every department of this entire establishment, from basement to third floor, will be reduced, some 10, some 25 and some 50 per cent. Not a single article will be reserved—the price on everything will be cut during this great sale.

SILKS UNDERGO KEEN CUT PRICES.

What could be stronger than the plain facts, concisely stated with the fullest confidence in the merits of these items we submit the following:

Black all silk taffeta, fully guaranteed to wear, sells in the regular way for 70c but now marked to 50c yd
Black yarn dyed taffeta, warranted in every way, sells regularly at \$1, now 70c
Yard wide blue taffeta, the kind that wears, unusually good \$1.50 grade, now \$1.10
Rich, black, Pan de Sose, heavy and lustrous, the kind that sells at \$1.25, now 85c
Handsome, so vicible satin trousseau, styled after Fashion, sells regularly at \$1.25, now 95c
Very best quality colored taffetas, sold all over at 85c and 90c, now 70c
Colored plain de crepe, pan de lenox, etc., all 70c
Creme de chenes, colored and black, regularly \$1.50, now 70c
Colored satin liberty, 75c grade at 45c

COLORED AND BLACK DRESS GOODS RADICALLY REDUCED.

A lot of plain chevrons, plaids and fancy settings that were 50c, 65c, an 75c at 30c yd
54-in hemstitches, all wool, Oxford gray, were 85c, now 50c
Colored and black prunellas, fine, satin finished all wool goods that were \$1, now 70c
Colored chevrons, granite cloths and ayvelines that were 85c, now 50c
Colored and black voiles, canadiens cloths, clay serges, etc., that were \$1.25 and \$1.50, now 65c

DRESS TRIMMINGS.

Jets, Appliques, All-Over, etc., all at a reduction of 25 percent.

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.

All to be sold at 25 per cent. discount.

DOMESTICS AT CLEARANCE PRICES.

Good, heavy brown muslin	35c	Mohawk 9-4 bleached	15c
Best brown muslin	5c	Mohawk 10-4 bleached	21c
Hills, L-muslin and frills	7c	Lancaster apron gingham	5c
Mohawk 3-4 bleached	11c	American indigo prints	45c
Mohawk 6-4 bleached	11c	Simpson's morning prints	45c
Mohawk 7-4 bleached	11c	Merrimac shirting prints	45c
Mohawk 8-4 bleached	17c	Best English flannellets	71c

SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES.

Mohawk Valley sheets, nearly as good as Ulster, size 21x21 yds., all hand torn and well made, at 40c ea
Pillow case of same, 36x45 in., at 121c ea

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WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

Bradstreet's Report on the Condition of Business.

New York, Jan. 11. — Bradstreet's says: Trade advances as reflected in telegrams to Bradstreet's exhibit some irregularity, caused by weather conditions or proceeding from the early stage of the season. Retail distribution of heavy clothing, boots and shoes and rubbers is checked by mild weather but on the other hand wholesale trade in spring goods, though still quiet, is preparing to throw off the inertia of midwinter. Stock taking is now completed and jobbers are anticipating an active spring business. Specially good reports from the Northwest. Southern trade advances are least favorable. Cotton is 20 per cent lower than a year ago and in Louisiana the depression in sugar is spreading.

The industries in the main continue active, iron and steel still setting the pace, and lumber, the textiles, boots and shoes and machinery manufacturers are actively employed. The growing ease of money is a reflection of previously reported good collections, following active trade in the late months of last year. Bank clearings continue to show moderate gains over a year ago's enormous totals and railway earnings likewise show growth. Cotton goods are apparently in strong position. Spring prints and gingham have been opened at eastern markets, but jobbers claim the season is later than usual. Gingham are, however, heavily sold ahead, and the dress goods market as a whole displays a very confident tone, but a strong buying movement was encountered on the reaction and most of the loss was regained.

The disposition to accept medium crop estimates has grown. Exports of yarn and clothing from this country and from Great Britain were very much heavier in December than the year before. Woollen goods mills are actively employed, plain dress fabrics are meeting with a liberal business and orders for men's wear are such as to stimulate confidence in the raw material, which is fully one-half cent higher on the week at Boston. Shoe shipments are still largely in excess of a year ago, though this is a stock taking period and new business is naturally light. No diminution of strength is noted in leather, though hides are easier. An advance in price of the finished product of from 2 1/2 to 5 cents per pair is considered sure to come.

Weather conditions have favored lumber at the Northwest, and demand there is active. Yellow pine is said to be scarce at Chicago and an advance is expected. The paper trade is active, there is a scarcity of new sorts and higher prices are looked for. Small sizes of steam coal have advanced 15 per cent at Philadelphia and family grades are 25 cents per ton higher, while bituminous is from 10 to 15 cents up.

Iron and steel production is active beyond precedent for this season of the year and further advances of 50 cents and \$1 per ton are noted in charcoal pig, which is taking the place of other grades at Chicago as a result of scarcity due to insufficient transportation. Southern iron has been

COLONEL PARSONS' GREAT RIDE.

The Feet Were Such That General Meade Would Not Believe It.

Colonel H. B. Parsons of New York was brevetted general for distinguished service during the war, but continued modestly to claim the rank of that which he returned to civilian life. No only did he perform the only authentic feat of deputation during the civil war but he was rewarded with a remarkable ride. A few days before the battle of Gettysburg was fought General Meade had an important message to send to General Harding, 100 miles distant. As the route was through a country swarming with rebels, the message was written on tissue paper, that it might be swallowed in case the carrier was captured. The commander was in doubt regarding a suitable messenger. He summoned General Davis to headquarters.

"General, who is the hardest rider as well as the most trustworthy man in the service?" asked Meade.

"Colonel Parsons, sir," was the prompt reply.

"Send him to me at once."

It was 6 o'clock on a Monday night when General Meade gave the order to start his instructions. He was to ride with all haste to General Harding's headquarters and return at once with an answer.

The messenger retired. Two hundred miles were to be covered. The roads were lonely, and they led through the enemy's country.

Exactly at noon the following day Colonel Parsons entered General Meade's tent. The latter's face grew purple with rage, and he ripped out a string of oaths.

"Is this the way you obey orders?" he thundered. "What are you hanging around camp for? You ought to be with General Harding by this time."

"I have just returned from General Harding, sir."

"You lie!" exclaimed the exasperated general.

Parsons' face paled, and he dug the nails into his hands to restrain himself. "General Meade," he said in a voice that he conceived his anger, "if you were not my commanding officer, I would knock you down for that insult."

Without the formality of a salute, he turned on his heel and left the tent. Meade afterward made an ample apology. Colonel Parsons killed two horses and went himself without a particle of food. For 18 hours he was not out of the saddle.—Bangor Commercial.

ANIMAL LIFE.

A good camel will travel 100 miles a day for ten days through the desert.

The lobster is his own most deadly enemy. The young ones soon all other food when they have a chance to eat one another.

The stupid policy of hunters in South Africa has led to the almost total destruction of a host of wild animals, the quagga among them.

Dragon fly grubs are most destructive to the fry of fish. Out of 60,000 turned into a pond one April only 54 could be found the following September. The pond was infested by dragon fly.

Bees are known to be excellent weather prophets. They in a certain country saying that "a bee was never caught in a shower." When rain is coming, bees do not go far afield, but buzz close to their hives.

A falcon which strayed from Fontainebleau, near Paris, in pursuit of some other bird, was found next day at Malta, in the Mediterranean. An Arabian falcon is said to have returned from Andalusia, Spain, to the peak of Tenerife in six hours.

When taken young, the hedgehog may be completely tamed and made familiar, allowing itself to be handled and associated with the dog and cat upon terms of perfect concert. It feeds indifferently upon bread and milk, meat, etc., and keeps up a regular nocturnal chase after insects.

All Wives or Widows.

"When a girl is born in India," relates a woman missionary, "the first question asked is, Whom shall she marry? Every high caste girl must be wedded at 12 and to a man of her caste and her horoscope. He may be comparatively young, middle aged or old, ignorant, dissipated or brutal. It makes no difference, if his caste and horoscope agree with hers. A woman in India is perfectly helpless."

"She is generally married at 8 or 9, but does not become a member of her husband's family until she is 12. If it should chance that her husband dies before that time, she becomes a child widow, the most despoiled of creatures. A curse is believed to be upon her, and if she goes the ordinary course she commits suicide in desperation. There are 72,000 child widows under 9 years of age in India. There is no wedding or being wed in India. Every girl over 12 is wife or widow."

As a rule, a man's relatives will let him make about any kind of a fool of himself without interference until he begins to give his money away.—Atholton Globe.

It is difficult to understand the mental condition of a lover who goes courting with a gun.—Detroit Tribune.

The Real Need.

Mamma—We must get a nurse for the baby.
Papa—Nurse be hanged! What he wants is a night watchman!

Unknown to Women.

Every woman should read, without fail, the following paragraph. She will learn something about herself she never knew before.

Thompson's Barossa is not only a wonderful kidney, liver and bladder cure, but has a particular advantage as a remedy for Chronic Female Weakness, Palpitation of the Heart, bearing-down sensations, Nervous Debility, Leucorrhoea or Whites, and Dropsical Swellings. Its peculiar advantage lies in the fact that it is both a female regulator and kidney, liver and bladder cure. The womb is situated back of and very close to the bladder. A woman having any pain or distress in the back or side, at once attributes it to female weakness when many times her trouble is entirely from the kidneys or bladder. Hence a woman making this grave mistake will find a sure remedy in Barossa, for whether she is suffering from womb disorder or any disease of the kidneys, liver and bladder, Barossa will effect a permanent cure. For this two-fold reason Barossa is the best woman's remedy on the market. Thompson's Dandelion and Maudrake Pills should be used with the Barossa, for the liver and constipation. They are purely vegetable and do not gripe.

Was Losing Control of Her Mind.

I was losing control of my mind and could not remember names of people, caused by female weakness, chronic inflammation of the liver, kidneys and bladder, swelling of urine and non-retention of the same, which had troubled me, making me very nervous and irritable. All the medicines I used only relieved me for the time. You don't know how delighted I am to think I am so much better and strong all thanks to my system, and Thompson's Barossa Maudrake Pills, Kidney and Liver cure did it. I used six bottles. It was worth more than money to me. It gave me health and strength, as I was very weak and unable to live.

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