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Clearing Up All Holiday Merchandise.

As a natural consequence, after the tremendous business which we have done, many odds and ends have been accumulated. These we are making a quick clearance of this week. We are too busy re-arranging stocks to go into detailed descriptions, but a visit will more than repay you. In almost every department something or other is being sacrificed at an unusually low price.

All Mussed Handkerchiefs Must Go.

Hundreds of all sorts of Handkerchiefs used in our Christmas decorations—just as good as ever for all practical purposes, but not good enough in appearance to put in our regular stock. Every one of these will be sold, and they'll be sold at a price that will make them attractive, too.

5c ones at	3c	20c ones at	12 1/2c
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Extremely popular in all the fashion centres are Velvet Gowns of all sorts. The two most desirable shades are brown and green, with navy a close follower. Velvetina is a new fabric, richer and handsomer than velvetens, but possessing the admirable wearing qualities of the latter. In two grades and all colors.

24 inch at	\$1.00	28 inch at	\$1.50
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Walking on the Ceiling.

Few people probably know what it is that enables flies to walk on the ceiling. It has been supposed that their ability to do so was due to the fact that each of their feet is a miniature air pump. This theory was found to be unsound, and it was then explained that the feat was made possible by means of a viscous substance which exuded from the hairs on their feet. This theory also was abandoned as being only partly accountable for the facts, and the preferred explanation is that flies are enabled to walk upside down on smooth substances by the help of capillary adhesion. An investigator has found by a series of nice calculations, such as the weighing and measuring of hairs, that a fly would be upheld by capillary attraction were it four-ninths as heavy again as it is. Each fly is supposed to be furnished with from 10,000 to 12,000 minute foot hairs. These exude an oily fluid, and it is because of the repulsion between a watery surface and this oily fluid that a fly finds it difficult to mount a dampened glass.—Harper's Weekly.

Spotted It All.

A farmer went to hear John Wesley preach. Wesley said he would take up three topics of thought. He was talking chiefly about money. His first was, "Get all you can." The farmer nudged a neighbor and said: "This is strange preaching. I never heard the like before. This is very good." Then Wesley discoursed on "Industry." "Activity." "Living to Purpose," and reached his second division, "Save all you can." The farmer became more excited. "Was there ever anything like this?" he said. Wesley denounced thriftlessness and waste, and he satirized the willful wickedness which lavishes in luxury, and the farmer rubbed his hands and thought, "All this I have been taught from my youth up," and what with getting and what with hoarding it seemed to him that "salvation" had come to his house. But Wesley advanced to his third head, which was "Give all you can." "Ah, dear, ah, dear," said the farmer; "he has gone and spoiled it all!"

Heliotropism.

Heliotropism is the peculiar property shown by many plants, notably the sunflower, of always turning toward the sun. In the case of seedlings the phenomenon is especially marked. The cells on the light side are apparently retarded in growth, thus causing a curvature toward that side. Professor Romanes experimented with an interlocking light, such as that of an electric spark discharge, upon mustard seedlings and found the heliotropic effect produced in this way far greater than that caused by the sun or any other form of light. Strange to say, however, this abnormal influence is accompanied by the generation of phloroglucin, the green coloring matter in plants which requires sunshine for its proper production.—Fall Mail Gazette.

First English Letter.

The oldest letter written in English of which there is record was that to Sir John Felham in London by his wife, who was then in Kent. That

letter is dated March 22, 1339, and was sent to London by messenger.

Up to the commencement of the reign of Edward I, all letters, even of the most private nature, were written in Latin. About the time of Edward's accession, French, which had been the spoken language of the court from the time of the conquest, began to be used in written correspondence. In the reign of Edward III, the English language, in pursuance of an act of parliament, was made the language of legislation.

Bobby Burns and the Mayor.

On one occasion, arriving at Carlisle on horseback, Bobby Burns is said to have turned his steed out to grass for awhile, and the animal strayed on to a meadow belonging to the corporation and got impounded. Although the horse was given up to him, the poet retaliated upon the mayor, whose tent of office was to expire on the very morning of the incident, as follows: "Was'er pul' poet sae befit't? The maister drunk—the horse committit! Puir harmless beast, tak' thee sae care; Thou'll be a horse when he's sae mair (mayor)."

Sure to Be Overted.

"Ah, doctor, glad to meet you," said Mr. Forsythe. "I wish you'd drop around to the house at about 9 this evening." "None of the children sick, I hope?" "No. But they will be when they get back from their grandmother's. They're there for supper."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Delicente Scorn.

"I observe that you invariably praise your rivals," said one actress. "Yes," answered the other. "It's the wisest thing to do. It sounds magnanimous and also conveys the impression that you do not consider them worth being jealous of."—Washington Star.

Chance For a Fortune.

A would-be grateful public is waiting to reward the man who will invent a car window that can always be opened easily in summer, but can only be opened by consent of the majority in winter.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Economical.

Husband—You are not economical. Wife—Well, if you don't call a woman economical who saves her wedding dress for a possible second marriage I'd like to know what you think economy is like.—Glasgow Times.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.—Longfellow.

Peg Tankards.

The pegging or marking of drinking cups was introduced by Sir Dunstan to check the intemperate habits of the times by preventing one man from taking a larger draft than his companions. But the device proved the means of increasing the evil it was intended to remedy, for, refining upon Sir Dunstan's plan, the most abstemious were required to drink precisely to a peg or pin, whether they could soberly take such a quantity of liquor

Ecological.

or not.

\$263,000 CARNEGIE GIFT.

Presented to the Maryland Institute to Construct a New Building.

Baltimore, Jan. 3.—Andrew Carnegie has announced through ex-President Daniel C. Gilman of the Carnegie Institution at Washington the gift of \$263,000 to the Maryland Institute School of Art and Design.

The gift, which is in amount equal to the present assets of the institute, is given to erect a building, the condition being that the city furnish the site. As the institute now has a site upon which the old building stood which was destroyed by the big fire, this condition is practically completed.

The Maryland Institute formerly had a library and various departments; but in recent years its field contracted largely of schools of art and sculpture. Many artists of prominence received their primary training here.

REIMPORTED WHEAT.

The Country That Grew It Needs It More Than the Dutch Do.

New York, Jan. 3.—The Phoenix line freighter Princess, which arrived Sunday from Antwerp, brought 1,100 tons of American wheat, recently purchased by McLaren & Muir.

It is the largest part of 40,000 bushels that have been stored in Antwerp since their shipment from the Pacific coast some time ago.

The importation is the first on record due to market conditions and not a corner. It will be used for milling purposes, as it can be "identified" as American wheat it will be admitted free of duty.

Kingston's Council Deadlocked.

Kingston, Jan. 3.—After 46 roll calls yesterday, Kingston's new city council, which is tied politically, was unable to elect a president. When 12 roll calls on other questions resulted in deadlocks, the Democratic aldermen left the meeting in a body, but one returned and voted with the Republicans to adjourn until tonight.

Mayor Block's annual message was not read, owing to the failure of the body to organize.

Had Two Earthquake Shocks.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—San Francisco had Eastern April weather for its New Year's day and thousands took advantage of the sunshine and warm air to go to the ocean beach and various suburban resorts to spend the day. The day was enlivened by two severe earthquake shocks at 1 o'clock in the afternoon which swayed tall buildings and made the occupants of top stories unhappy for a few seconds.

Street Railway Purchase Voted Down.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 3.—Municipal elections were held throughout Ontario yesterday. Local issues as a rule broke down party lines. At Ottawa a proposal to purchase the street railway line and operate it as a municipal plant was voted down, only one-quarter of the vote polled being in favor of the measure.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market. New York, Dec. 31.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, \$1.21 1/2 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.25 1/2 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 corn, 53 1/2 c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 53 1/2 c f. o. b. afloat; OATS—Mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs, 35 1/2 to 36 1/2 c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs, 35 1/2 to 40 1/2 c. HAY—Shipping, 60 to 65 c; good to choice, 77 1/2 to 80 c. PORK—Mess, \$13.00 to \$13.50; family, \$14.00 to \$14.50. BUTTER—Creamery, extras, 28 to 28 1/2 c; factory, 14 to 17 c; state, dairy common to extra, 16 to 26 c. CHEESE—State, full cream, small choice, 12 c. EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, fancy, 35 to 38 c. POTATOES—State and western, per bbl., \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, Dec. 31. WHEAT—No. 1 northern car loads, \$1.21 1/2; No. 2 red in store, \$1.21. CORN—No. 2 corn, 49 1/2 c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 yellow, 49 1/2 c. OATS—No. 2 white, 36 c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 white, 35 1/2 c. FLOUR—Fancy blended patent per bbl., \$5.50 to \$7.25; low grades, \$4.50 to \$5.00. BUTTER—Creamery, western, extra, tubs, 27 1/2 to 28 c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 27 1/2 c; dairy, fair to good, 22 to 23 c. CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 12 to 12 1/2 c; good to choice, 11 to 11 1/2 c; common to fair, 9 to 10 c. EGGS—Selected, fancy, 28 c. POTATOES—Per bu., 50 to 55 c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Best steers on sale, \$5.75 to \$6.00; fair to good butcher steers, \$4.25 to \$4.65; medium half-fat steers, \$3.50 to \$4.25; common to fair heifers, \$2.75 to \$3.25; choice to extra fat heifers, \$2.40 to \$2.75; good butcher bulls, \$3.00 to \$3.50; choice to extra veals, \$8.50 to \$7.75; fair to good veals, \$7.50 to \$7.75. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice lambs, \$7.50 to \$7.65; fair to good, \$7.25 to \$7.50; handy wethers, \$5.00 to \$5.50; mixed sheep, \$5.25 to \$5.50. HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, \$4.95 to \$5.00; medium hogs, \$4.95 to \$5.00; pigs, light, \$4.50 to \$4.60.

Buffalo Hay Market.

HAY—Timothy, per ton, loose, \$14.00; timothy tight, bbl., \$12.50 to \$13.00; No. 1 timothy, \$12.00 to \$12.50; No. 2 do, \$11.00 to \$11.50.

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When an Iceberg Turns Turtie.

Think of sections bigger than Rhode Island being torn from a glacier and swept off into the ocean, to be ferried 3,000 miles on the bosom of the Labrador current until the heated waters of the gulf stream cause them to vanish from human ken. Then can one form some idea of the immensity of the ice area discharged from the Greenland seas each year. Thousands of miles of valley are constantly emptying their contents into the bays and fjords of the north waters, whence the tides hurry the detachments southward to cumber the wide Atlantic.

The disposition of icebergs to turn turtle is one of their most dangerous propensities. It arises from several causes. When they start out from Greenland their bottoms are heavy with the detritus gathered in their glacial period, and this drops off at intervals as they move south, causing their center of gravity to change and forcing them to assume new positions. The scientific theory of the formation of the vast submarine plateaus which extend from Labrador to Fundy, and are commonly known as the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, is that they are the products of bergs drifting countless ages.—Leslie's Magazine.

Canibalistic Scorpions.

During many years of scorpion hunting I never remembered to have seen two individuals living together in amity, and even their more tender relations are tainted at times with the unamiable habit of cannibalism. The males are decidedly smaller than their mates, whom they approach accordingly with the utmost caution. If the fair innamorata doesn't like the looks of her advancing suitor she settles a question offhand by making a vicious spring at him, catching him by the claws, stinging him to death and making a hearty meal of him. On the other hand, if a dubious wife, the female scorpion is a devoted mother. She hatches her eggs in her own ovitrac, brings forth her young alive—unlike her relations, the spiders—and carries them about on her back, to the number of fifty, during her innocent childhood, till they are of an age to shift for themselves in the struggle for existence.—Cornhill Magazine.

First Person Cremated in America.

The first white person lawfully cremated within the present limits of the United States, according to wishes and desires expressed by himself, was Colonel Henry Laurans, one of the Revolutionary patriots. He was born in Charleston, S. C., in the year 1724, and died on his plantation near that place on Dec. 8, 1792. His will, which he had requested them to open and read the next day after his death, was supplemented with the following: "I solemnly enjoin it upon my son, as an indispensable duty, that, as soon as he conveniently can after my decease, he cause my body to be wrapped in twelve yards of towlath and burned until it be entirely consumed." The request was carried out to the letter and was the beginning of cremation in America.

English Characteristics.

The Englishman is less social than men of any other nationality; I mean he is less conscious of the ties which bind humanity together, his moral formation owes little to his relations with other men, he scarcely troubles himself about what they think, and if ever considers the matter at all, makes no difference in his sentiments and actions. In short, the Englishman is to a certain extent a recluse; he is more aloof from the world in which he lives and the neighbors whom he elbows than the men of any other nationality.—Boutmy's "The English People."

Spanish Etiquette.

There is a curious story of how the Duke of Aosta, when king of Spain, told a mulatto to whom he was talking to cover himself, the sun being hot, forgetting that by so doing he made him a grandee, Marshal Prim, to prevent this catastrophe, knocked the man's hat out of his hand, and according to some the mulatto had something to do with the assassination that followed a few days afterward.

The Exception.

"I am getting up a subscription list for the relief of the poor. Can't you put your family down, sir?" "Madam, since you ask a personal question, I don't mind telling you that I can put 'em all down, except my wife's mother."—New Orleans Times Democrat.

Sensible.

Cholly—Charming widow, isn't she? They say she is to marry again. Algy—I wouldn't want to be a widow's second husband. Cholly—Well, I'd rather be a widow's second husband than her first, d'ouche know.

Expensive.

"They say her wedding beggared 'e description." "Oh, more than that?" "Indeed?" "Yes, it beggared her father."

To Be Ironed.

Mr. Troomey—Where on earth is my new silk hat? I've looked everywhere for it. His Bride (sweetly)—You said you wanted it ironed, dear, so I have sent it to the laundry.

Caught the Idea.

Bluster—Do you mean to say that I am a liar? Bluster—I hope that I could not do so unbecomingly a thing. But I see you catch my idea.

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Silkworm Fishing Lines.

A tourist friend who has recently returned from a trip through the south of Europe was telling the other day of the large proportions assumed by the production of silkworm gut for fishing lines in Spain since the decline of silk culture there. The grub is fed on mulberry leaves as usual in silk culture, but before it begins to spin—that is, in May and June—it is killed by immersion in vinegar. The substance which would have formed the cocoon is then drawn out from its body in the form of a thick silken thread, which is treated with chemicals and afterward dried. These threads are made up in bundles of a hundred each, and the Spanish peasants travel with them along the shores of the Mediterranean as far as France. The best quality of the gut, as every fisherman knows or ought for his own protection when shopping to know, is round. The flat shaped article is always inferior and is due, not, as often supposed, to careless drawing of it, but to unhealthiness in the worm which furnished it.—Forest and Stream.

South Pole Seals.

Seals, according to the crew of the antarctic exploring ship Discovery, are abundant near the south pole. They are very tame and can be clubbed by any one without showing more fight than opening their jaws and making a harsh noise. They are possessed of extraordinary vitality and are not easy to kill. Antarctic seals are not provided with marketable fur. The skins of the majority of seals in the antarctic regions show an extraordinary number of cleavages, some old and some recent, which for some time have been a puzzle to zoologists. It is a question whether they are the result of warfare among the bill seals or are caused by attacks of some monster not yet known to science. Some light has been shed on this subject by the discovery of remains of an ordinary seal in the stomach of a sea leopard, which is provided with a very fierce set of teeth, quite in keeping with the possible habit of feeding on other seals.

Scolding.

Scolding is mostly a habit. It is often the result of nervousness and irritable condition of both mind and body. A person is tried or annoyed by some trivial cause and forthwith commences finding fault with everything and everybody within reach. Scolding is a habit very easily formed. It is astonishing how soon one becomes accustomed to it. It is a contagious habit. It is a habit which is not only a source of trouble to the family, it is a source of trouble to the community. It is a habit which is not only a source of trouble to the family, it is a source of trouble to the community. It is a habit which is not only a source of trouble to the family, it is a source of trouble to the community.

Japanese Buddhists.

Japanese Buddhists have a word, "mazon," which is translated by the dictionaries as "to limit," but it has the esoteric meaning of "to subvert in imagination." One who is about to do another, so as to do about some matter or mission, result. An example of this is a people before the eyes of a Buddha. It is a habit which is not only a source of trouble to the family, it is a source of trouble to the community. It is a habit which is not only a source of trouble to the family, it is a source of trouble to the community.

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