

# Smart & Silberberg

STORES.

## January White Sale,

The Greatest in the History of This Great Store,

## is Now Going On.

Aside from a sale when everything in the White line will be marked greatly on or price, several other features lend unequalled moment to the occasion.

No news more interesting or more important has gone forth from this store in a long time. We have prepared carefully and intelligently for this sale. Fortune has favored us in many ways—everything we offer you will be new, clean and fresh and bought by us under peculiarly favorable conditions, and we'll give you better goods for less money than you have ever been offered before.

### Everything in White:

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| Muslin Underwear, Sheets and Cases,       | Counterpanes, |
| Household Linens, Towels & Handkerchiefs, | Embroideries, |
| White Goods, Laces, Muslins,              | Long Cloths,  |
| Cambrics, White Dress Goods,              | Silks.        |

Let every Housewife Profit By This Sale.

## Extraordinary Sale of Laces.

Once a year we have this great Lace Sale. Every year seems an improvement on the last. To the hundreds who have profited by these sales in the past this one will need no recommendation.

Lack of space prevents our giving details—suffice it to say, it's the greatest showing of Laces we have ever attempted.

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| Trochons and Vals | 3 cents a yard  |
| Trochons and Vals | 5 cents a yard  |
| Trochons and Vals | 10 cents a yard |

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OIL CITY, PA.

### The Borrowed Days.

According to a Scottish fable rhyme, alluded to by Sir Thomas Brown in his "Vulgar Errors," three days were borrowed by March from April, with a view to the destruction of some sheep, but the popular fiction of the borrowed days is really of older date.

In the "Complaint of Scotland," printed in 1548, we find: "There eftir I entrie in ane grene forest, to contempl the tender young frutes, because the borial blawis of the three borrowinge dais of Marche had chaisist fragrant fureise of eyrie frut-tree far about the fieldis."

The origin and meaning of the expression are obscure. It may probably be founded upon that relapse into wintry weather which is often noticed at the close of March and which seems to snatch a few days from the promise of opening spring. A similar fancy has prevailed in the highlands of Scotland in connection with the first two months of the year.—London Answers.

### A Quaint Introduction.

It is told of the late Clarence King, the ethnologist, that he met John Ruskin in a picture shop, and his comments were so delightfully phrased that Ruskin took him to his heart, inviting him to Coniston and offering him one of his two greatest water-colors by Turner. "One good Turner," said King, "deserves another," and took both.

King once wrote from San Francisco to John Hay the following letter of introduction: "My Dear John—My friend, Horace F. Cutter, in the next geological period will go east. It would be a catastrophe if he did not know you. You will 'swarm in,' as the Germans say, when you meet. Let I should not be there to expose Mr. Cutter's alias I take this opportunity to divulge to you that the police are divided in opinion as to whether he is Socrates or Don Quixote. I know better; he is both."

### A Japanese Gardener.

Sir Edwin Arnold had a great many stories in illustration of Japanese traits. "The Japanese gardeners," he once said, "have carried their art further than we have carried ours. A landscape gardener in Japan is esteemed highly. He is looked on quite as we look on a poet or a painter. And these Japanese gardeners are truly remarkable men. I was riding with one of them near Kioto on an August afternoon, and we came to a steep hillside.

"Tell me," I said, "how would you plan a road to the top of that difficult hill?"

"The gardener smiled humorously. "I think," he said, "that I would first turn some cows loose and see how they got up."—Collier's Weekly.

### Peculiar Time Regulations.

Chatham Island, lying off the coast of New Zealand, in the south Pacific ocean, is peculiarly situated, as it is one of the few habitable points of the globe where the day of the week changes. It is just on the line of the demarcation between dates. There at 12 noon on Sunday, Sunday ceases, and instantly Monday meridian begins. Sunday comes into a man's house on

the east side and becomes Sunday by the time it passes out of the western door. A man sits down to his noon-day dinner on Sunday, and it is Monday noon before he finishes it.—London Globe.

### The One Who Wasn't Whipped.

It was in a large school, and one of the boys had committed some heinous infraction of discipline. The teacher announced that he would thrash the whole class if some one did not tell him who had committed the offense. All were silent, and he began with the first boy and thrashed every one in the class until finally he reached the last one. Then he said, "Now, if you will tell me who did this I won't thrash you." "All right, sir, I did it," was the reply.

### Tomorrow's Money.

Money counts today, but the money of today is worthless tomorrow. The multimillionaire of Monday dies on Tuesday, is buried on Wednesday and is forgotten on Thursday. The real man who has something to him above and beyond trading, who neither reckons himself nor is reckoned by his dollars, never dies.—Hayfield Mower.

### A Turkish Riddle.

Here is an old Turkish riddle which has been handed down for many centuries and yet has never been answered: "There was once a beggar who always dreamed he was a pasha, and there was a pasha who always dreamed he was a beggar. Which was the happier?"

### Why She Was In It.

Phyllis—Charlie Short told me the other day that he preferred blond girls. Isabel—You must be mistaken. He proposed to me last week, and I am a decided brunette. Phyllis—True, dear, but then you have a fair income.—St. Louis Republic.

### The Convincing Argument.

Young Lady Shopper—This piece of dress goods suits me, except that I do not think the figure in it is pretty. Subtle Salesman—Ah, but you surely will when it is made up and you have the dress on.

### Something to Give Them.

"Mary," said the invalid to his wife, when the doctor pronounced it a case of scarlet fever, "if any of my creditors call, tell them that I am at last in a condition to give them something."

### Dutiful For Once.

Boy—My tooth aches, and mamma said I should come here and let you look at it. Dentist—I see. It must come out. Won't take but a minute. Now be a brave little man, and I'll—Boy (hastily backing off)—Mamma didn't say I should let you pull it; she only said I should let you look at it.

### If the people who know us best do not deceive us pretty often we should consider them disagreeable.—Puck.

### A SUPPLEMENTAL MESSAGE.

#### Dealing With Forestry and Question of State Taxation.

Albany, Jan. 10.—Governor Higgins will send a supplemental message to the legislature on the policy which the state should pursue in relation to forests, and it may be followed by another on the question of taxation. What the governor's recommendations on the subject of forestry will be are not known. In fact he has not made up his mind what he will recommend.

"The question of the policy which the state should pursue in regard to the forests of the state," said Governor Higgins last night, "is an important one. I did not have sufficient time to consider it when I was drafting my legislative message, so I decided to leave it for treatment in a special message. I cannot tell what I will recommend. The message will cover the whole subject."

"Will you communicate with the legislature on the question of taxation?" he was asked.

"I may later," he replied.

In explanation of an interview given out in New York city he said: "What I intended to state there was that there would be no direct state tax this year and that we would draw on the surplus this year if necessary. I did not intend to say what might or might not be done next year."

Governor Higgins arrived in Albany on a late afternoon train. Concerning his trip to Washington he said that it was unexpected to him, as it was to others. "I had no intention of going to Washington when I left Albany Saturday night. I had not thought of it until Collector of the Port Strahan proposed it that evening. I had no political influence. I saw neither Senator Platt nor Senator Depew while there. I only met the president and members of his family and many representatives of the press."

### HUDSON TUNNELS COMPANY.

#### Organized to Construct and Operate Subways in New York and Jersey City.

New York, Jan. 10.—It was announced today that the Hudson tunnels company had virtually acquired the New York and Jersey tunnel under the Hudson river, with all its rights, including the subway franchise across Manhattan from 11th street and up Sixth avenue to 10th street.

It has executed a contract with the Pennsylvania railroad by which it will build its Jersey city terminal under the present Pennsylvania station in Jersey City, connect the New York and Jersey city tunnel with this by a subway through Hoboken, and complete the tunnel under the Hudson river to Manhattan at Cortlandt street.

This will make a complete system connecting Jersey City with the shipping district of Manhattan.

The system will be connected with subway and elevated lines of the Interborough company and will be completed in about two years.

It is reported that the tunnel in Hoboken will be connected with the stations of the Erie and Lackawanna railroads.

### MARKET REPORT.

#### New York Provision Market.

New York, Jan. 9.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, \$1.24 1/2 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.28 1/2.

CORN—No. 2 corn, 51 1/2 c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 51 1/2 c.

OATS—Mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs, 37 1/2 c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs, 39 1/2 c.

PORK—Mess, \$13.00@13.50; family, \$14.00@14.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, extras, 29 1/2 c; factory, 14 1/2 c; state, dairy, common to extra, 17 1/2 c.

CHEESE—State, full cream, small choice, 15 1/2 c.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, fancy, 28 1/2 c.

POTATOES—State and western, per bbl., \$1.25@1.50.

#### Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, Jan. 9.

WHEAT—No. 1 northern car loads, \$1.23 1/2; No. 2 red in store, \$1.23 1/2.

CORN—No. 3 corn, 48 1/2 c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 yellow, 49 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@7.25; low grades, \$4.50@5.00.

BUTTER—Creamery western extras, 28 1/2 c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 27 1/2 c; dairy, fair to good, 25 1/2 c.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 12 1/2 c; good to choice, 11 1/2 c; common to fair, 9 1/2 c.

EGGS—Selected, fancy, 28 1/2 c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 50 1/2 c.

#### East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Best steers on sale, \$5.50@6.80; fair to good butcher steers, \$4.50@4.85; medium to fair heifers, \$3.75@4.50; common to extra fat heifers, \$2.75@3.50; choice to extra veals, \$8.25@4.00; choice to extra veals, \$8.75@9.00; fair to good veals, \$7.50@7.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice lambs, \$7.80@7.90; fair to good \$7.40@7.65; handy wethers, \$5.25@5.75; mixed sheep, \$5.25@5.75.

HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, \$4.90@4.95; medium hogs, \$4.95@5.05; pigs, light, \$4.70@4.75.

#### Buffalo Hay Market.

HAY—Timothy, per ton, loose, \$12.00@14.00; timothy tight, bd., \$12.00@13.50; No. 1 timothy, \$12.00@12.50; No. 2 do, \$11.00@11.50.

### Pimples, Piles, Eczema

### Cuts, Burns, Bruises,

Testor, Salt Rheum, Old Sores, Ulcers, Chilblains, Catarrh, Corns, Chapped Hands and Lips, Blisters, Carbuncles, Fomies, Itching, Bleeding, Frost-biting, Piles, Insect Bites, Poison Ivy, and all skin diseases are cured by—

### San-Cura Ointment

Which will stop at once that itching, burning pain. We guarantee that San-Cura Ointment will not heat a cut or sore or any kind until the poison is all removed; then it heals rapidly. Prevents sores. Druggists 25c and 50c.

### VOCAL CULTURE.

#### Hints For the Cure of Thin and Throaty Voices—Speaking Voice.

The question of the importance of voice production is a subject which has attracted the attention of the public in an extraordinary way. It is not an ordinary use of the speaking voice in private life, and its serious effect in the cultivation of the placement of the voice.

In America education in this respect is seriously neglected from childhood, and in European countries it is a branch most emphasized.

In the proper study of a foreign language the necessity of pure diction is forced upon you, especially in France. This is acquired not by following a grammar with your eyes, but by carefully acquainting your ears to the sound of other voices and your own.

The ears have to be opened to the sound of one's own voice.

Why should Americans allow it to be generally considered that their voices are thin and throaty? We have as beautiful vowel sounds as any other language.

They neglect the pure diction of their own English, and consequent placement of the voice.

Excuses are not allowed today for harsh or throaty speaking voices—it is certainly a neglected education.

A singer or speaker will be admired for the natural beauty of the quality of his voice and perfect enunciation, but he alone knows the difficulties he has overcome.

Sound is composed of irregular and regular vibrations, noise and music, and for this quality, freedom and resonance are needed. Sir Morell Mackenzie says: "Without artistic enunciation sound loses all its greatest charms." Singing is only a higher order of speech; words are the spirit and music the drapery.

It is important, though, that in speaking a musical note shall not be recognized to avoid making it sing-song, not to speak in monotonous, of course, but with the natural variety of inflections for expression with flexibility and freedom for sound.

The close relation in speech and song when approaching the singing voice under the same methods of placement gives its sympathy in quality and character, whether the voice is naturally pitched high or low.

To alter this particular quality would be as ridiculous as to change a contralto singer into a soprano or vice versa.

Many good singing voices are impaired by the bad use of the speaking voice, and care in childhood cannot be too strongly emphasized.—St. Louis Republic.

#### A Flower Lamp-Screen.

A pretty and useful parlor decoration may be made of a large, full paper dahlia or hollyhock serving as a lamp-screen. The flowers are made of three shades of pink or other color.

#### Medical Use of Whisky.

Whisky as an alternative to wine may undoubtedly be employed medicinally with advantage in certain cases, both for men and for women. But this is very different from the constant recommendation of whisky as a sort of panacea for every disease under the sun, and take a perfect delight in urging its consumption upon their patients. As a matter of fact, there never was a time when medical men were more slow to prescribe the use of alcohol in any form than they are in the present day, nor at what time so many refrained from advising its use at all.—Hospital.

#### Queer Nest of the Tontobane.

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#### Saves Children's Lives.

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Before consulting an oculist when suffering from persistent headache stop and consider whether it may be caused by some other trouble than overworked eyes. There are many causes for a headache. Be sure that the bedroom is well aired before retiring and that there is a good ventilation through the night. Do not remain too long in the sun in summer nor too much in a high wind in winter. Keep the digestion in good order, eat at regular intervals and do not stop over writing or sewing too soon after meals. Take regular exercise and remember that overstudy is worse than too little. If possible in summer take the books or sewing out in the air where there is not too much glare; then the atmosphere of the house will be avoided.

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### No Love Lost Between the Arnolds.

John Denton Champlin told an amusing story of Matthew Arnold and Sir Edwin Arnold. "Some years ago," he said, "when walking with Matthew Arnold on the banks of the little river Test, near Romsey abbey, conversation turned on Sir Edwin Arnold and The Light of Asia," published four or five years previously. It is not necessary to enter into Mr. Arnold's opinion of the poem. During the conversation I took occasion to ask him if he were related to Sir Edwin. He paused a moment, as if shocked at the suggestion, and then said: "No, we are not of kin. Indeed, I doubt if he had any right to the name of Arnold. I have been told that he is of Jewish descent." A few weeks later I happened to meet Sir Edwin at a dinner in London and, prompted by, I hope, a not unparadiseable curiosity, propounded a similar query to him. "No," he replied quickly, with what seemed a shade of asperity in his tone, "I am not related to Matthew Arnold. We are of wholly different families." Then, his face breaking into his peculiar smile, he added: "Matthew Arnold is an intellectual dyspeptic. His brain does not digest properly."

### "Maarfish" River.

Maxwell Sommerville of the University of Pennsylvania spent nearly forty years of his life in oriental travel and study.

Professor Sommerville used sometimes to narrate the strange error that was once made by a French explorer he had known. This explorer had made a journey to Kalrwan and had drawn a map of the country he passed through. The singular thing about this map was that the name "Maarfish" appeared so many times on it. A river would be the Maarfish river; a mountain would be Mount Maarfish; a village, a lake, a valley, each would be called Maarfish.

When Professor Sommerville saw this map he laughed.

"Don't you know," he said to the traveler, "what 'maarfish' means in Arabic?"

"No," said the other. "What does it mean?"

"It means 'Don't know.'"

### A Jealous Ape.

Sir Harry Johnston, the English explorer, once traveled on a ship with a pet ape. It was a great favorite with all the passengers until there came aboard at Madeira a lady with an infant. The latter received a good deal of attention and the ape in consequence became neglected and jealous. Sir Harry Johnston followed it on deck one day just in time to prevent a tragedy. The child had been left unguarded for a moment in the cradle. The ape had no for it, pulled it from the cradle and was in the act of throwing it overboard when the traveler pounced upon it. Says Sir Harry: "It would certainly have hurried into the sea had not my arrival caused the guilty ape to drop the child on the deck and scramble away." The ape was relegated to a strong iron cage for the rest of that voyage.

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## On 5 Large Tables

is piled a lot of goods that the price now is only a fraction of the regular.

### JANUARY'S THE MONTH WE TAKE INVENTORY

and we're throwing out on these tables all the broken assortments, odds and ends and slow selling merchandise we don't want to take into stock, and as the prices indicate we're not at all backward about getting the price low enough, so we won't need to.

Dollar Dress Goods, 65c.

Dollar Twenty-Five Dress Goods, 75c.

Dollar Fifty Dress Goods, 85c.

Seldom such excellent merchandise offered at prices so much under the regular. Mostly neat mixtures, and in a great variety of shades.

### 45 C. SCOTCH FLANNELS, 30 C.

A Pink a Green, a Tan, and a Blue, Nice for children's dresses, or waists you know there's a third of cotton in Scotch Flannels and they wash without shrinking.