

The Smart and Silberberg Co.

A Word To Christmas Shoppers.

May we not urge you the wisdom of early selection and early purchasing?

It is during the morning hours that one may shop with the greatest comfort and to the best advantage. Why wait then until the crowded busy afternoon when there is a little time for deliberation and when salespeople are working at highest tension?

Price Reductions in Toytown.

Little early, you'll think, for cut prices on toys, but we've good reasons—too many of some things, too little room, even in this great big place, to display—then there are some toys which we carried over from last season—just as good as new, but because they are not this year's toys we seek for a quick riddance. For instance:

Doll Carriages—About one dozen left from last Christmas. They are all of the better grades, priced from \$2 to \$6. All now are Hall Price.

Dressed Dolls—About 25 handsomely dressed dolls. All One-Quarter Off.

Teddy Bears—All sizes, from smallest to large, almost life size, white and natural. All One-Half Price.

Stuffed Animals—Dogs, Cats, Sheep, Cows, &c. All One-Half Price.

Mechanical Toys—Some that were 50c, now 25c.

50 Pieces Cut Glass, \$1.90.

Some of these were \$2.50, some \$3, and some even as high as \$3.50. Bowls, Nappies, Compotes, Sugar and Creams, Cruets, Water Bottles, &c. Choice of all, \$1.90.

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FRANKLIN, PA.

CONTRACT WITH ENGINEERS

Lehigh Valley Makes Agreement For Wages and Conditions For 1910.

New York, Dec. 21.—After conference with a committee representing the engineers, the Lehigh Valley Railroad company has made an agreement covering the wages and conditions of work of this class of employees for one year beginning Jan. 1, 1910.

The company's previous contract with its engineers expired just before the panic of 1907. New demands were presented then, but the company pointed out that the unsettled business conditions at that time made it impossible to grant them. Consequently it was agreed to let the matter rest until conditions would show some improvement.

The contract just signed grants the men a working day of ten hours. Heretofore the working day on the Lehigh Valley has been twelve hours, whereas the ten-hour rule has prevailed upon the other railroads in the same territory. The reduction in hours is the principal adjustment made in the present agreement. The questions in relation to the classification of the heavier engines and other minor questions were also satisfactorily adjusted.

The conferences were characterized by perfect good feeling and the company and its engineers are on the most friendly terms.

WOMAN ROBBED AND TORTURED

Forced to Tell Where Money Was After Husband Was Tied.

Media, Pa., Dec. 1.—A horrible crime was committed at Darlington, Delaware county, about 5 o'clock last evening when two stalwart negroes attacked and outraged Mrs. Annie Litzberg, about 60 years of age, choked her and forced her to tell where the money in the house was kept, and robbed the house of \$202, after having tied her husband, Edward S. Litzberg, in the barn. They then made their escape and a search is being made throughout the country for them. If they fall into other hands than the police summary vengeance may be meted out.

After assaulting Mrs. Litzberg the negroes tied their victim hand and foot and struck and choked her, asking her where the money in the house was kept. She refused to tell them where the money was hidden, but being tortured finally admitted that it was put away in a trunk on the second floor. The negroes left her helpless on the floor and went to the trunk to secure the money.

Sudden Death of Former Senator. Chicago, Dec. 21.—Former United States Senator William A. Harris of Kansas, who two years ago was Democratic candidate for governor of Kansas, died suddenly in this city of heart disease.

MARKET REPORT

New York Provision Market.

New York, Dec. 20.
WHEAT—No. 2 red, new, \$1.28 f. o. b. adroit; futures closed higher, Dec. \$1.25 1/4, May \$1.20.
CORN—No. 2 white, in elevator, new, 70 1/2 c; futures unchanged, Dec. 71c, May 75c.
OATS—Natural white, 26 to 28 lbs., new, 47 1/2 c @ 50 1/2 c; clipped white, 34 to 42 lbs., 48 1/2 c.
PORK—Mess, \$25.00 @ 25.50; family, \$26.00 @ 27.00.
HAY—Prime, \$1.05.
BUTTER—Creamery, specials, 37c; extra, 36c; process, 26 @ 28 1/2 c; western factory, 23 1/2 @ 25c.
CHEESE—State full cream, specials, 17 1/2 @ 18c.
EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 45 @ 50c.
POTATOES—Maine, per bag, \$1.50 @ 75; state, per bag, \$1.50 @ 1.75.

Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.
WHEAT—No. 1 northern, carloads, \$1.21; No. 2 red, \$1.20c.
CORN—No. 2 yellow, 66 1/2 c f. o. b. adroit; No. 3 yellow, 65 1/2 c.
OATS—No. 2 white, 48 1/2 c f. o. b. adroit; No. 3 white, 47 1/2 c.
FLOUR—Fancy blended patent, per bbl., \$6.50 @ 7.25; winter family, patent, \$6.25 @ 6.75.
BUTTER—Creamery western, prints, 36c; state creamery, 34 1/2 c; dairy, choice to fancy, 31 @ 32c.
CHEESE—Choice to fancy, full cream, 17c; fair to good, 15 1/2 @ 16 1/2 c.
EGGS—State, selected white, 40 @ 42c.
POTATOES—White, fancy, per bu., 50c; choice, 45 @ 48c.

East Buffalo Livestock Market.

CATTLE—Prime export steers, \$6.75 @ 7.25; good to choice butcher steers, \$6.00 @ 6.50; choice cows, \$4.50 @ 5.25; choice heifers, \$5.50 @ 6.00; common to fair heifers, \$4.00 @ 5.25; common to fair bulls, \$3.00 @ 3.65; choice veals, \$10.25 @ 10.50; fair to good, \$9.75 @ 10.00.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice spring lambs, \$8.60 @ 8.75; yearlings, \$6.75 @ 7.25; mixed sheep, \$4.75 @ 5.75.
HOGS—Light Yorkers, \$8.45 @ 8.50; medium and heavy hogs, \$8.55 @ 8.60; pigs, \$8.35 @ 8.40.

Buffalo Hay Market.

Timothy, No. 1 on track, \$16.00 @ 16.50; No. 2 timothy, \$15.00; straw, wheat and oats, \$9.50.

Golden For Him.

Bunker—I see by the papers that Ardup has just celebrated his golden wedding! Why, he was only married yesterday. Hunks—Yes; but he married an heiress.

Be sure that the wisest persons are the least severe.—Montague.

Heavily Laden.

"This play in its intensity," said the go-out-between-the-acts young man, "fairly takes my breath away." "I only wish it would!" gloomily remarked the lady in the next seat.—Baltimore American.

Costly Jar of the Subway.

The tuppenny tube, London's subway, once set fire to a house in a manner so extraordinary as to merit attention. In a mansion beneath which runs the subterranean railway one of the bedroom fireplaces was fitted with a blower—a sheet of iron inside the grate which can be raised or lowered to regulate the draft. The blower rested on a series of iron notches. One afternoon a servant kindled a fire in the grate and when it was well alight raised the blower, so that the coal would burn but slowly, and so left it while she went downstairs. Presently, deep in the clay beneath the foundations of the house, a train rushed along. The vibrations from its passing were sufficient to jar the blower from the notches on which the servant had left it. It dropped down. The draft increased; the fire raged madly. The flames were enough to set the chimney on fire, burning soot set the water tank on the roof alight, and there resulted a considerable conflagration.—Pittsburg Post.

A Girl and a Snake.

It is a matter of fact that men have greater fear of serpents than have women. During a visit to friends in the country I was crossing a stretch of meadow in the company of my hostess' daughter, a sprightly girl of seventeen, when a black snake crossed the path ten feet in front of us. I caught my companion by the sleeve, but she wrenched herself loose, gathered her skirts about her knees, gave a running jump and landed squarely upon the back of the reptile. His snakeship thrashed the grass and the girl's ankles with equal facility. As soon as she could disengage one foot she planted it upon the serpent's head. In the absence of club or stones I was compelled to stand and witness a scene that to me was terrifying, but to the girl furnished supreme enjoyment. Years afterward when I read Haggard's description of Jess' fight with the kangaroo I understood the kind of entertainment that my young companion had provided for me.—Brooklyn Eagle.

There's a Hare in the Moon.

Equally famous with the man in the moon and the woman in the moon is the hare in the moon, says Garrett P. Serviss in his "Astronomy With the Naked Eye." The original is a Buddhist legend. The god Sakkrta, disguised as a Brahman, pretended to be starving and went to the animals for help. The monkey got him a bunch of mangoes; the goat picked up a fisherman's neglected string for him; the fox stole him a pot of milk. At last the god approached the hare. "I have nothing but grass," said the hare, "and you can't eat that." "But your flesh is good," suggested the pretended Brahman. The hare assented. "Then," said the Brahman, "I'll kindle a fire at the foot of this rock, and you jump off into it. That'll save me the trouble of killing you." The hare assented again, but as he leaped from the rock the god caught him in his arms and then drew his figure in the moon as a perpetual reminder of the excellence of self sacrifice.

Cerebral Embolism.

Cerebral embolism, or the occlusion or plugging of an artery in the brain, causes sudden death. Growths or vegetations form on the valves of the heart. While attached they are harmless, but the instant one, large or small, becomes loosened and enters the rapid arterial current a very perilous condition obtains. The embolus, or plug, enters a vessel that becomes narrower and narrower and at last it is arrested and occludes or plugs the artery, thereby cutting off the blood supply. The force of the blood current back of the embolus keeps it at the seat of arrest. In brain cases the middle cerebral artery, at the base of the brain, is affected. Once lodged unconsciousness follows and soon death. Some of the symptoms resemble those of a true cerebral hemorrhage or apoplexy.—New York Herald.

A Quaint English Ceremony.

On the last day of each October the city solicitor of London, with an assistant, attends upon the royal remembrancer, when by proclamation "the tenants and occupiers of a piece of waste ground called the moors, in the county of Salop," are commanded to "come forth and do your service upon pain and peril that shall fall thereon." The solicitor chops in halves two fagots, one with a hatchet and the other with a billhook. Afterward comes the summons to the tenants, etc., of "a certain tenement with a forge" in the Strand and the payment of six horse shoes, with sixty-one shoe nails, by the solicitor. This forge has long ceased to be, and the same shoes and nails are used year after year, the shoes being at least two centuries old.

Spell This.

Some of you who think you are well up in spelling just try to spell the words in this little sentence:

"It is agreeable to witness the unparalleled ecstasy of two harassed pedestrians endeavoring to gauge the symmetry of two peeled pears."

Read it over to your friends and see how many of them can spell every word correctly. The sentence contains some of the real puzzlers of the spelling book.

The Turks and Raki.

"Turks often get drunk. They cheat their religion, the dogs, to do so," said a converted Constantinopolitan.

"Mohammed forbade wine to his followers, but raki is made of mastic gum. It was unknown in Mohammed's time, or of course he'd have forbidden it, too, for you can get frightfully drunk on it. I know, oh, I know! It's a white drink, with a sweetish taste, a good deal like gin."

"A Turkish dinner is mostly a vegetarian affair. If you can cull raki a vegetable. It consists of such things as heart, a curried milk spiced and scented and baklava cakes cooked in honey, sprayed with rosewater and coated with saffron flavored whipped cream.

"With each course you drink raki. If, getting drunk, you get miserable the thing to do is to crush your glass in your hand so as to give yourself two or three cuts. Unhappy Turks, you must know, express their wretchedness by cutting their hands. Look at these scars."—Minneapolis Journal.

Notice.

The Stockholders of the Forest County National Bank of Tionesta, Pa., will meet on Tuesday, January 11, 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the office of the bank, for the purpose of the election of directors for the ensuing year.

B & B
seasonable suggestion

It's a common practice among resident customers to present their friends on Christmas with an order on this store for certain specified goods—Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Books, Jewelry, Hosiery, Leather Goods, Pictures, Furs, China, Cut Glass, Art Pottery or some article of wearing apparel.

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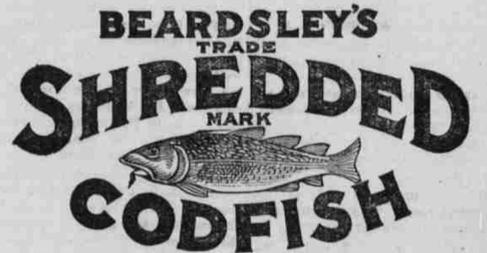
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Thousands of women can give you hundreds of reasons for serving Beardsley's Shredded Codfish.

They know its convenience. They know its economy. They know the delicious meals it makes.

They know how it delights their families. Every time they serve it, they add to their fame as good cooks.

And they know the pleasing variety it means in their meals. They serve it a new way every week. And each time they bring out a new taste.



See The Advantages

All these women who serve Beardsley's Shredded Codfish enjoy countless advantages over the women who don't.

They are never worried about what to have for a new and tempting meal. They serve Shredded Codfish Balls. Or they have it Creamed. Or with Macaroni. Or they make a Shredded Codfish Omelet or Souffle. Or Chops—Croquettes—Kedgeres. Or they prepare it in other ways.

And they don't go to any bother or trouble.

Any way that they serve it, they have it ready for the table in less time than it takes to make coffee.

For this delicious fish food is ready

to cook the instant they open the package.

What They Save

And see what these women save by serving Beardsley's Shredded Codfish. One package makes a full meal for five. Yet the cost is only ten cents. Anything else half so good for breakfast or lunch would cost three or four times as much.

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We have told you what thousands of women know. You will thank us for telling you, when you try Beardsley's Shredded Codfish. You will find that all we have told you is true.

And your folks will thank you if you serve this fine food tomorrow. They will be more than delighted with this new kind of meal.

But please see that you get Beardsley's—the package with the red band. For Beardsley's is the only Shredded Codfish. Our wonderful Shredding process is patented. Beardsley's is the kind all people like.

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